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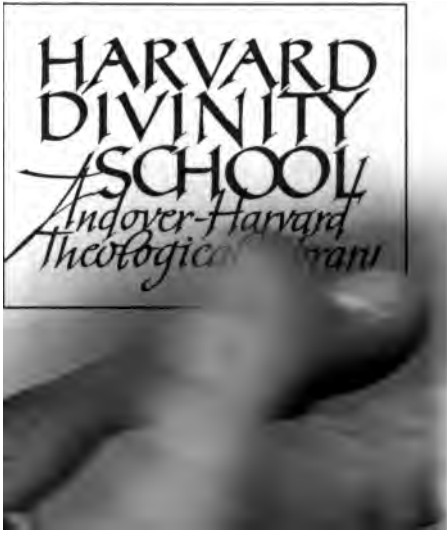
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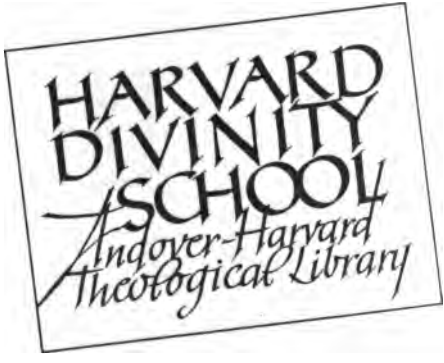
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Oh come, let us worship: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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PART I.

THE LITURGY.

SECTION I.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.

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BOOK OF WORSHIP.

I.—The Order of Morning Service.

NOTE: *At the usual time of service the worshippers should proceed to their seats, offer up a silent prayer, and then quietly await the opening of the service.*

1. The Introit.

NOTE: *The congregation shall arise, and the Minister standing at the altar shall say one of the following Introits, after which the congregation shall say or sing the Gloria Patri; or the Introit may be said responsively by the Minister and the congregation; or both the Introit and Gloria Patri may be sung:*

1. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost: *or,*

2. Let us commence our religious exercises in the name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth; *or,*

3. The Lord be with you; *or,*

4. The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him and worship Him; *or,*

5. The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works; *or,*

6. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer; *or,*

7. Thus saith the Lord, in all places, where I record my name, I will come unto thee



and I will bless thee. Then let us draw nigh unto Him, that we may receive his blessing; *or*,

8. Praise the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise to Thy name, O Most High; *or*,

9. *Psalm* 26.

Minister. I will wash mine hands in innocency:

Congregation. So will I compass Thine altar, O Lord.

M. That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,

C. And tell of all Thy wondrous works.

M. Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house, *or*,

C. And the place where Thine honor dwelleth; *or*,

10. *Psalm* 100.

M. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

C. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

M. Know ye that the Lord He is God:

C. It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

M. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise:

C. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

M. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting;

C. And His truth endureth to all **generations**, *or*,

11. *Psalm* 122.

M. I was glad when they said **unto me,**
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
C. Our feet shall stand within Thy **gates,**
O Jerusalem.
M. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
C. They shall prosper that love **Thee.**
M. Peace be within Thy walls,
C. And prosperity within Thy **palaces.**

The Gloria Patri.

NOTE: *To be always said or sung standing.*

Glory be to the Father and to the **Son,**
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now **and ever** shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

NOTE: *On festival days the special Introit ought to be used instead of the general Introit.*

Then shall follow the Confession, the congregation joining audibly or silently with the minister.

2. THE CONFESSION OF SIN.

Dearly Beloved! The Holy Scriptures **declare**, that when the wicked man **turneth** away from his wickedness and **doeth that** which is lawful and right, he shall **save his** soul alive. The sacrifices of God are **a broken** *and a contrite heart.* To the Lord **belongeth** *mercy and forgiveness*, though **we have** *sinned against Him.* If we say that **we have** *no sin, we deceive* ourselves, and the **truth**

ways transgressed against Thee. We followed too much the desires of our hearts. We have left undone those s which we ought to have done; and we done those things which we ought not ve done. But enter Thou not, we be- Thee, into judgment with us, for in Thy shall no man living be justified. With sorrow and sincere penitence we im- Thy forgiveness and favor through Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Have mercy, O , upon us miserable offenders. And us grace that we may ever hereafter godly, righteous and sober life, to the of Thy holy name, through Jesus t our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Then may the minister and the congregation say , having arisen to their feet and standing :



mercy upon us, and hath given His only Son to die for our sins, and doth for His sake graciously pardon us; He also giveth unto all them that believe in His name the power to become His children, and promises to bestow upon them His Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord, praise ye the name of the Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *Then may the congregation say,*

Amen.

The congregation being seated, a hymn of praise, or the Gloria in Excelsis shall be sung.

The Gloria in Excelsis.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall be read the Scriptural lessons, either according to the Pericopee or otherwise selected. Then may the minister and congregation together recite the Apostles' Creed, all standing. The minister saying: Let us with the Church of our Lord confess our faith, and say:*

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty *Maker of heaven* and earth.



And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

NOTE: *Instead of the Apostles' Creed, may be said the Nicene Creed.*

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And *sitteth on the right* hand of the Father; And *He shall come again* with glory to judge both *the quick* and the dead, Whose kingdom *shall have no* end.

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

10. *Then shall a hymn be sung.*

NOTE: *The Minister, either from the pulpit or standing at the altar shall pronounce:*

11. *Announcements.*
12. *The Benediction.*

BENEDICTIONS.

The Old Testament Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The New Testament Benediction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen—*or*,
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, to eternal life. Amen.

II.—The Order of Evening Service.

NOTE: If there be but one service on the Lord's Day, the Order of Morning Service ought to be used. But where in addition to the morning service, there is also an evening service, the following Order may be observed:

1. *An Introit.*



2. *A Hymn.*
3. *The Scripture Lesson.*
4. *Prayer.*
5. *A Hymn.*
6. *The Sermon*
7. *The Lord's Prayer or an extempore prayer.*
8. *A Hymn.*
9. *The Benediction.*

III.—General Prayers.

1.

Almighty, everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of heaven and earth, we devoutly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst so guide and govern by Thy good Spirit Thy whole church universal, with all its teachers and servants, that it be preserved in the true doctrine of Thy holy word here and everywhere, so that Thy kingdom be spread, the true faith awakened and strengthened, and love toward all mankind increased among us. We further pray Thee, Lord of lords, that Thou wouldst graciously look upon this our country, preserve its liberties, and constantly increase its temporal and spiritual blessings.

We beseech Thee to take into Thy favor and protection the President of the United States and all others in authority. Bestow upon them Thy blessing, and crown them with grace and favor, so that under their *government* we may lead a quiet and peace*able life in all* godliness and honesty.

Especially do we beseech Thee let Thine *eye be constantly* upon this community, and *graciously remember* our congregation. B

Thou, Almighty Protector of Thy Church, amongst us with Thy grace and assistance, take not Thy hand away from us, and give Thy Divine influence to whatsoever truly adds to our temporal and eternal welfare. Grant unto us holy courage, good counsel and proper works.

Into Thy gracious protection do we also commit our brethren of the faith wherever they may be. Be gracious unto them Lord our God and prosper the work of their hands. Defend them mightily from all dangers which may threaten them, and preserve them in the one true faith that they ever honor Thy name.

Graciously bless the education and instruction of our youth, that they may grow up in Thy fear, to the praise of Thy name. Especially bless all institutions of learning designed to qualify faithful laborers for Thy vineyard.

Advance every Christian occupation, employment and profession, and let every one engaged therein walk before Thee with a good conscience, and support himself in all honesty.

Graciously take into Thy protection the sick, the poor, the widow and the orphan, all infants and children, safely guide all those who travel by land and by water, in the way of their calling; have mercy upon all those who are in distress and those who suffer persecution for Thy name's sake. Comfort them, O God, with Thy favor, and finally redeem them according *to Thy fatherly* pleasure.

Give us fruitful seasons, defend from all *urtful tempests, scarcity,* famine, war, con*gration, inundation* and other calamities. *us, faithful Father,* remain with us until



our end, and let Thy Spirit never be taken away from us, that we may live in Thy fear, die in Thy grace, and at last obtain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

All this grant for the sake of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth in equal majesty and glory, true God and man, blessed for ever. Amen.

2.

Glory and honor be unto Thee, the self-existent and infinite Jehovah, who art, and wast, and shalt be from eternity to eternity! Adoration and praise be unto Thee, the Omnipotent, All-wise, All-gracious Being, who fillest the heavens and the earth with Thy presence and Thy love!

Glory and honor be unto Thee, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, the Father and the Friend of the sons of men! Thou hast formed us after Thine own image, made us intelligent, free and immortal spirits, and raised us to the dignity of Thy children and worshippers. Thou bestowest upon us, each returning day, invaluable mercies and blessings both for our bodies and our souls; and Thou art preparing us for holier and higher satisfactions in a better world.

Adoration and praise be unto Thee, the Father of compassion, the God of all consolation and grace in Christ Jesus our Lord! *Thou hast* pitied our sinful and wretched *race, and given* us a Redeemer who is able *o save unto the* uttermost. By the doctrines, *e death,* and the resurrection of Thy Son *ou hast* revealed to us Thy character an

will, conferred on us the strongest assurance and pledge of Thy mercy, enriched us with comfort under all our trials and distresses, encouraged and enabled us to prove faithful to duty, delivered us from the fear of death and of hell, and set before us the path of life and pleasures at Thy right hand for evermore.

Almighty God, how shall words express the grandeur of Thy majesty, and the magnitude and extent of Thy grace! We would bow down with the profoundest veneration, and worship Thee as the first, the best, the most perfect of all beings. We contemplate with amazement the immeasurable distance between Thee and us, Thy frail and guilty creatures; and rejoice, that, though Thou art infinitely exalted, Thou deignest to exercise such condescension and love towards us. To Thee all our homage, affection, and submission are due. To praise and adore Thee be our delightful and eternal employment, and that of all our brethren!

Merciful Parent of the human family, enable us to live under an habitual sense of the relation which we sustain toward Thee. May the recollection of Thy greatness ever inspire us with reverence, and the remembrance of Thy mercy lead us to consecrate our bodies and our souls as a living sacrifice unto Thee. May a cheerful and universal obedience ever prove our gratitude, and a patient submission to the afflictions we may encounter *evince our trust.* May we ever *rejoice in Jesus Christ as* the Captain of our *salvation, open our hearts* to all His discoveries *and commandments,* make them the *only rule of our faith* and practice, aim con-



tinually at an increasing resemblance of His Divine dispositions and virtues, and rely with immovable confidence upon the precious promises which He sealed with His blood. By the influence of His word and Spirit, may we pass with usefulness and comfort, through all the vicissitudes of this transitory state, and become qualified for an entrance into that world, where all His followers shall behold Him face to face.

These blessings, which we supplicate for ourselves, we beseech Thee, heavenly Father, to extend to the whole family of man. Increase the number of those who worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Multiply the triumphs of truth over error, of righteousness over iniquity, of a filial spirit of love over servile terrors and gloomy fears. In all the habitations of men, from the rising unto the going down of the sun, may the incense of acceptable praise and the pure offering of a virtuous life be presented unto Thee.

Endow all those who are appointed to rule over their fellow-men, with a superior measure of wisdom and benevolence; and inspire all instructors of youth and all teachers of religion with an ardent concern to promote the welfare of those with whom they are connected. Enlighten and direct Thy servants to whom the administration of our government is committed, and all who are empowered to enact and to execute our laws, in fulfilling their arduous and important duties. *Grant that* all the inhabitants of our land *may lead* a quiet and peaceable life in all *godliness* and honesty. Vouchsafe to pre*serve to us* our civil and religious rights, a*rotect us* from the horrors of war and oth

ublic calamities, to bless us with healthy and fruitful seasons, and to prosper our agriculture, commerce and manufactures.

Have mercy, gracious God, upon all communities or individuals, who are oppressed by injustice and tyranny, who are flying from the sword of their enemies; who are suffering from the desolation of famine or pestilence; who are bowed down by sickness or poverty; or who are exposed to other evils and dangers. Prevent them, we pray Thee, from being overwhelmed by such visitations, and from sinking into despair. Raise up to them friends, and send them relief in their distresses, and cause the rough and thorny path of affliction to become to them the path to perfection and bliss. Let Thy consolations cheer and support, especially, our mourning and distressed brethren, who are united with this church, or for whom our prayers have been desired. Alleviate their pains, both of body and mind. Deliver them from all their sorrows, if this be agreeable to Thy holy will, or enable them to suffer with pious resignation and hope, and let them find by happy experience, that it was good for them to be afflicted.

Hear us we beseech Thee for the sake of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, to whom with Thyself and the Holy Ghost, be praise everlasting. Amen.

3.

Almighty and most merciful God, we *desire to lift up our hearts* unto Thee, the *hearer of prayer, from* whom alone cometh *our help.* We adore Thee as the great Pa-



rent of the Universe, from whom all things proceed, and on whom all creatures depend. Thou art worthy of all possible veneration, gratitude, and obedience. Thou art the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. Thou alone hast immortality, and art unchangeable in wisdom and holiness. Thy truth endureth to all generations; Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Thee; and Thy righteousness unto children's children. We, Thine unworthy servants, would give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee to give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives. Grant that we may devote ourselves to Thy service, and walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Enable us to cherish and to exercise habitually every pious and virtuous affection; that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into *Thine everlasting* kingdom, through Thine *infinite mercy* in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Thou hast directed us, Almighty God, to offer up our supplications for all our fellowmen. We humbly beseech Thee for all sort

and conditions of men; that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, the saving Gospel of Thy Son unto all nations; that idolatry, superstition, and vice may be banished from the earth; and that war, oppression, and injustice, may for ever cease. We pray that the Church of Jesus throughout the world may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

We implore Thy heavenly blessing especially upon the land in which we live. Give success, we pray Thee, to the lawful and virtuous labors of its inhabitants; and provide the necessary supplies for all their wants. Behold with Thy favor the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all who are invested with legislative, judicial, or executive authority; and so replenish them with Thy grace that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way, and be enabled to promote and secure the national peace, liberty, safety and prosperity. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel, and upon all *congregations* committed to their *charge, the needful Spirit* of Thy grace, that *they may truly please* Thee; and give such *efficacy to the means* of education with which *Thou hast furnished* us, that we may become



a wise and righteous people, whom Thou wilt delight to protect and favor.

Hear us, most merciful God, we beseech Thee, in these our supplications and intercessions, which we offer up unto Thee as disciples of Thy Son; and pardon and accept us, through Him, now and evermore. Amen.

4.

Lord, our God and Father, who art our salvation and peace for ever! Trusting in Thy great goodness, we have met together, to worship before Thee in godly fear. We venture to address Thee, though we are but dust and ashes. Thou hast said: Seek ye my face! Thy face, Lord, will we seek, and hold fast our confidence in the word of Thy grace and love. Lord, we love the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth, where Thy people sing praise to Thy name, and show forth all Thy marvellous works.

Blessed be Thou, our God and Father, who hast revealed Thyself unto us as a God of love! The heavens declare Thy glory, and the firmament showeth Thy handiwork; all Thy works bear witness unto us of the wisdom and power of Thine eternal Godhead. And how full of grace hast Thou shown Thyself unto us sinful men, in Jesus Christ Thy Son! He is the brightness of Thy glory, and the express image of Thy person; He hath spoken *unto us that* which He knew, and testified *what He had seen*; through Him Thou hast *taken away the* punishment of our sins, and *bestowed upon us* the hope of eternal life. *This is life eternal*, to know Thee, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

To Thee, who art a faithful God, we will at all times, and this day anew, consecrate ourselves in body and soul, and offer Thee the willing sacrifice of our hearts. Take us as Thine, gracious Father! Sanctify us by Thy Spirit; animate us with renewed strength to do Thy will; refresh us with the rich consolations of the Gospel, and fill our souls with that peace which passeth all understanding.

O God, our Saviour! who wilt have all men to be saved, we pray Thee richly to bless, on this day, the preaching and hearing of Thy precious word, and to produce in the hearts of men, through Thy Holy Spirit, that faith which saves the soul. Strengthen, establish, and revive believers, through Thy power, and by shedding abroad Thy love in their hearts. Enlighten those who yet walk in darkness, still loving the world, and serving sin; deliver them from their bondage and reconcile them unto Thyself, that none may come short of eternal life.

Holy Father! we pray Thee to bless, in their temporal interests also, our fellow-Christians and all our fellow-men throughout the earth. Especially continue to be gracious to our land and all its inhabitants. Be with our rulers; inspire them with wise purposes, salutary counsels and right principles, that they may be unto us a perpetual blessing; that under their *protection* we may lead a *quiet and peaceable life*, in all godliness and *honesty*. *Grant that* all citizens may *discharge with fidelity* the duties of their several *stations and* callings, and at all time

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Rejoice greatly, thou daughter of Zion;
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
I. Behold, Thy King cometh unto thee:
C. He is just, and having salvation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou King of glory and Lord of lords; Thou Son of the living God and David's branch. We praise Thee our Lord, that Thou permittest us again to celebrate Thy advent. Thou didst enter into Jerusalem, but Thine own did not receive Thee, therefore didst Thou turn unto us poor Gentiles with Thy holy word and sacraments. O Lord Jesus, who art the true God and eternal life, quicken our souls with Thy word, Thy Spirit, Thy body and blood. O our Lord, who hast redeemed us, reveal Thyself now to Thy beloved Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Come with Thy gracious presence, that we may rejoice in Thee. Come with Thy love, Thy humility, and Thy obedience, and let Thy lowliness become our glory. Come and govern us, that we may follow Thee. Enter into the hearts of Thy people, Lord Jesus, and bless them, for they are the flock of Thine heritage. Pardon our *sins, and* put not Thy servants *away in anger, for Thou* art merciful. Clothe *us with the garment* of salvation, cover us *with the robe of* righteousness. Bestow upon *us the riches of the* glory of Thine inheri



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C. And from the hand of all that hate us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

Prayer.

O God, the Creator, Benefactor, and Father of mankind! Thou art worthy of universal and everlasting adoration. Thou art the perfection of all excellency, and the source of all happiness. All Thy works praise Thee, and all Thy saints bless Thy name.

We would come before Thee, O Lord, to acknowledge with reverence and gratitude, that the whole creation is full of Thy goodness, that every part of our lives has been marked by Thine indulgence, and that day after day Thou art multiplying fresh favors upon us. But especially would we thank Thee for those unspeakable mysteries of wisdom and benevolence, of which we are reminded this festive day. Herein is love: not that we had loved Thee, O God, but that Thou didst so love us, as to send Thy Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Adoration and praise be given to Thee, that when darkness had overspread the earth, and gross darkness the people, when superstition and idolatry prevailed, and when error and vice seemed to triumph over truth and righteousness, Thou didst graciously interpose in behalf of Thy degenerate offspring, and raise up for them a Saviour, able to help and

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to grace. Help us to contemplate the
less event we are commemorating, with
ose affections which its importance de-
ls. Pour out Thyself into our hearts
gratitude to Thee and to Thy blessed
which shall prompt the most ardent de-
on to Thy service, and render our whole
ence one continued song of thanksgiving.
st us to form right conceptions of the de-
of the Messiah's advent. Convince us
...od of this astonishing dispensa-
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ledge of His holy Gospel, to
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Christ, which passeth knowledge

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people Israel; grant, we beseec
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exult this day may be communic
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men may say with exultation, 1
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the righteous flourish, and harm
cord universally prevail. May
fess themselves Christians aris
since the glory of the Lord is
them. And may they be taug
sincerity and truth, "If God so
ought also to love one another."

O Thou, who art abundant in
pity, accept our petitions for the
sorrowful and unhappy. Lookin
throne this day, may they be ra
every foe and every fear. B
broken-hearted, and proclaim li
captives. Give to them that n
for ashes, and the garment of p
spirit of heaviness. And assis

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to Thy throne. And we
second appearance in glorious majesty
ge the world, we, with all His redeemed,
y be received into Thy blissful presence,
I sing the triumphs of Thy grace for ever
d ever. Amen.

3. New Year.

Introit.

Note: *To be used with or without responses.*

Minister. The Lord be with you;
Congregation. And with thy spirit.
M. Lift up your hearts.
C. We lift them up unto the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
the Holy Ghost,
inning, is now and ever

m Thee but tribulation and anguish. We ould have miserably perished in sorrow and trouble, in calamity and despair like many others, if Thy paternal care and Thy merciful protection had not delivered and kept us. We, therefore, render to Thee with grateful hearts, praise, honor, glory and thanks. Forgive us all our sins and transgressions. Begin this new year by blessing us anew. Renew Thy paternal love and faithfulness toward us. Continue to us the possession of Thy word in its purity. Build up churches and schools. Enlighten all teachers and preachers. Strengthen all rulers and magistrates. Bless all heads of families. Govern all children and servants. Save us from war and commotion. Turn aside from us pestilence and famine. Give us fruitful seasons. Crown the year with Thy blessings. Give peace to our land, joy to our hearts, health to our bodies, and finally have compassion on all men. O Lord Jesus, Thou ever blessed Saviour, be Thou also praised for the great and numberless benefits, Thou art bestowing on us poor sinners. Abide with us. May we now and always continue the objects of Thy redeeming love, and let Thy meritorious sacrifices and death be our comfort in life and death. O God the Holy Ghost, infinite praise and glory be to Thee, for the assistance, the help and the comforting guidance which we hitherto have experienced from Thee. Guide us still by Thy grace, that we *may walk* holy and unblame*ably, carry regenerated* hearts into this new *year; and lay aside* our old sins with the old *year, that we may* henceforth walk in new*ness of life and at last* obtain an eternal crown



of rejoicing. And to Thee with the Father and the Son, united in one Godhead be all the praise, the honor and the glory, for ever. Amen.

4. Beginning of the Passion-Week.

Introit.

Note: *To be used with or without responses.*

Minister. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

Congregation. Lord, hear my voice, let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

M. If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

C. But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

M. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

C. My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they that watch for the morning.

M. Let Israel hope in the Lord:

C. For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

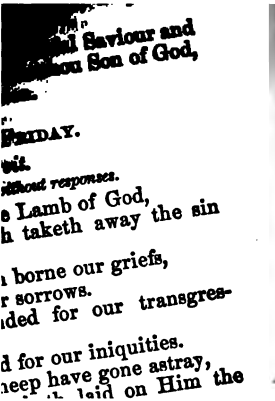
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

Prayer.

O God, our gracious and Merciful Father! *We have once more* met to unite with heart- *lt emotion, in* contemplating that gracious

by which, through the death of Thy
, Thou hast established an eternal propi-
tion for our sins, and not for ours only, but
lso for the sins of the whole world. For
verily, Thou hast looked upon our deep dis-
tress, and visited us with Thy tender mercy.
O Lord, Thou hast commended Thy love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Enable us truly to say: We know and believe the love that God hath to us. God is for us, who then, can be against us? Thou hast remembered and performed to us all Thy blessed promises. What gift canst Thou deny to those, for whom, through Thy mercy the Lord Jesus Christ hath tasted death? He who spared not His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how shall He not, with Him also, freely give us all things? Our souls shall bless Thee, O Lord, and all that is within us shall bless Thy holy name. Thanks, and everlasting praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus, Thou Friend and Redeemer of our souls! For the joy that was set before Thee, Thou didst, for our sakes, endure the cross, despising the shame. That we might again be numbered among the children of God, Thou, who art the eternal Son of God, wast willing to be numbered among the transgressors. That we, who were poor, might be made rich, Thou wast pleased to lay aside Thy glory, and to be found in fashion as a man. To procure peace and consolation for our guilty souls, Thy soul was sorrowful *even unto* death. To burst the *bonds of sin with* which we were bound, *Thou didst appear in* bonds at the judgment *bar of the wicked.* To deliver us from the *sting of death,* Thou wast led, as a lamb, t

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ord Jesus, who art the Mediator ...
d and man! It is our heart's desire to be
rnally grateful to Thee for Thy sufferings,
ich are the source of our joy. Forbid
at any of us should come short of that life,
ich Thou hast purchased for us by the
tter agony of Thy death. Grant us the full
surance of faith, that we may build all our
omfort and peace, all our confidence and
ope, on Thee alone, whose atoning merits
are the only ground that can firmly hold the
anchor of our soul for ever. Grant us also
Thy Holy Spirit, that the contemplation of
Thy sufferings and death may more and more
effectually lead us to true repentance, and
make us daily more faithful in following
after Thee. O Lord, we pray, that all who
profess to ground their hopes on Thy death,
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ance, save by faith in Thy grace, which has accomplished an atonement for us through Christ.

We must despair in our sins, except Thou bestow upon us Thy free grace. Have mercy upon us, and grant that through the blood of Thy Son, every penitent heart may find peace.

We cannot overcome the evil that is in us except Thou strengthen us. Have mercy upon us, and let us so experience the power of Christ's death, that henceforth, crucified with Him, we may not serve sin, but live unto Him who died for us.

In our misery there is none to help us, except Thou stretch forth Thine hand and raise us up. Have mercy upon us, and grant that in every sorrow of this life, we may be comforted by fixing our thoughts upon our suffering Redeemer.

We must be eternally lost, if there be not to intercede for us at the judgment bar. Have mercy upon us, and graciously hear our Advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous, who seated at Thy right hand, maketh intercession for us.

Lord Jesus, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, be Thou our Advocate.

By Thy love unto death, even the death of the cross;

By the terrors that encompassed Thy soul;

By the sufferings which Thou didst endure *in Thy body;*

By the bitter agony of Thy death;

Have mercy upon us, O Lord Jesus.

When the stings of conscience fill us with *anguish; when,* accused by our own thoughts

our hearts condemn us; do Thou have pity upon us, and speak peace unto our souls.

In every time of temptation, when sinful desires would prevail, and we are in danger of falling away from Thee, do Thou strengthen us, that sin may not triumph over us.

When we are afflicted, and made to drink the cup of sorrows, do Thou comfort us, and enable us to derive encouragement from contemplating Thy meek and patient suffering on the cross.

When we are in the agony of death, and fears beset our soul, and flesh and heart fail, be Thou near to sustain and strengthen us in that last conflict.

When Thou shalt come to judge the world, and we stand before Thee to receive our sentence, do Thou, Lord Jesus, be gracious unto us! Preserve us from everlasting torments, O Thou Redeemer of our souls!

Hear us, O Lord! Grant, O Thou Mediator between God and man, who hast accomplished the work of reconciliation, that none of us may forfeit the blessings purchased for us by Thy bitter sufferings and death, but that they may redound to the eternal salvation of us all! Amen.

6. Easter.

Introit.

Note: *To be used with or without responses.*

Minister. The Lord is risen, and hath appeared unto Simon.

Congregation. The Lord is risen indeed.

M. Why seek ye the living among the dead?

C. He is not here, He is risen;

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ld without end.
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Prayer.

ory and honor be unto Thee, O Lord, our who art, and wast, and shalt be from lasting to everlasting. Adoration and se be unto Thee, the God of our Lord us Christ, the Father of glory, who hath de this day for us, that we might rejoice l be glad in it. Adoration and praise be to Thee, that Thy beloved Son was manited in the flesh, that He might take away by the willing sacrifice of Himself on the ss, bring life and immortality to light, and en the kingdom of heaven to all who be-

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derful in counsel

glory; that He reigns for ever at Thy right hand; that He is appointed to lead His followers unto living fountains of water; and that where He is, they shall be with Him in blessedness everlasting.

Most merciful God, forgive we beseech Thee the errors and transgressions by which we have made ourselves unworthy of such unspeakable condescension and mercy. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may know what is the hope of our calling, and help our infirmities, that we may rejoice with our whole heart in His glorious Gospel. Whilst we praise Thee, that Jesus was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification, O quicken us together with Him, that we may walk in newness of life; dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto Thee. Whilst we rejoice in that lively hope to which Thou hast begotten us again according to Thine abundant mercy by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away,—may we purify ourselves, even as He is pure, seek those things which are above, and lay up treasures in heaven. Amidst the temptations and discouragements we shall experience, may we be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as we know, that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. Whatever comforts Thou shalt send us, may they be heightened by the reflection, that they are a foretaste of *yet greater* and more enduring *joys. In all the* afflictions of life, and in the *decay of nature,* may we be well enabled to *realize with humble* and holy confidence, that *our Redeemer liveth.* When we are called



to mourn over the loss of dear and valued friends, may we be cheered by the thought, that God will bring with him those who sleep in Jesus. And when we ourselves shall depart this life, may we be enabled to say: O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now unto Thee who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

7. Ascension.

Introit.

Note: *To be used with or without responses.*

Minister. Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

Congregation. Hallelujah!

M. He shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

C. Hallelujah!

M. O clap your hands, all ye people,

C. Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, *viour of the* world, the King of heaven

of earth, the mighty Conqueror of all enemies! when Thou hadst by Thy sufferings and death accomplished the great work of redemption, Thou didst arise from the dead, show Thyself alive to Thy disciples, give them commandments and bless them, and then ascend up into heaven; Thou hast led captivity captive, and given gifts unto men, Thou hast spoiled principalities and powers and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them by Thy cross. All power is given unto Thee in heaven and in earth. Thou art seated at the right hand of God the Father, and art exalted above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. All things are put under Thy feet, and Thou art the head over all things to the Church. The hand-writing of ordinances that was against us has been blotted out, the sentence of condemnation removed, all our guilt cancelled with Thy precious blood, and our enemies, death and the devil, have now no more dominion over us. For this Thy glorious and mighty victory, we render unto Thee most hearty thanks; we praise Thee, we worship Thee, and humbly beseech Thee as our everlasting High Priest to intercede for us poor sinners with Thy heavenly Father, that we, being delivered from all guilt and pain through the merits of Thy sufferings and death, may escape the just wrath of God and the punishment of the world to come.

We are also *the children of* God the Father, *for Thou hast said, I* ascend unto my Father *and your Father,* and to my God and *your God. Give us Thy* Holy Spirit, the *Spirit of truth,* the blessed Comforter, to

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our everlasting heavenly King, we most
irtily pray Thee to protect, with Thine
mighty hand Thy people, whom Thou hast
gloriously redeemed, as Thy heritage,
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e end of the world, and graciously continue
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nto Thy harvest, endue all Thy ministers
vith the power of Thy Holy Spirit and bless
heir labors, to the end that sinners may be
converted unto Thee, and many souls ga-
thered into Thine everlasting kingdom. O
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Highest, by the
offering up of Thy body and blood, Thou
hast given us a sure pledge, that after this
life we also shall come to the joy and felicity
... grant, that we may be en-

Jesus, our Comforter. Hear our prayers an receive us, Saviour, to Thee. Amen.

8. Pentecost, or Whitsunday.

Introit.

Note: *To be used with or without responses.*

Minister. The whole earth is full of the Spirit of the Lord.

Congregation. Hallelujah!

M. I will pour water upon him that is thirsty;

C. And floods upon the dry ground.

M. I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed;

C. And my blessing upon thine offspring.

M. God is the Lord, which has showed us light;

C. Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

Prayer.

Eternal God! With heartfelt emotion we ship before Thy glorious majesty. With nksgiving and joy we adore Thee as the and eternal cause of all things; as the and everlasting source of all light and of all power and happiness. On this an festival we bless and praise Thee, *ially for the glorious* accomplishment *r counsel concerning* the salvation of *d. We give thanks* to Thee with our *eart, that* when Christ our Saviour

hrough the gifts and powers of Thy Spirit, Thou didst enlighten and sanctify the first riends of the Saviour, and ordain them to be eralds of peace, and witnesses for the truth. May all who name the name of Christ, unite vith joy to praise Thee, for Thy kingdom annot be moved. Thy Son hath declared into us: If ye, being evil, know how to give ood gifts unto your children, how much nore will your heavenly Father give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. Trusting n this assurance, we beseech Thee, in the ame of Jesus, send Him unto us from Thy igh and holy place, and with Him grant us ll things that pertain to life and godliness, hat so we may be more and more enlightened and be completely delivered from the ondage of corruption, into the glorious iberty of the children of God. O Holy

ten to the life that is of God, all who spiritually dead; and quicken more and e, all who have been brought from death life. Thou Spirit of power and grace, our infirmities when we engage in er, when there is need of watchfulness, n spiritual adversaries assail us. Be our ld when temptation is near, when sinful sures invite and allure us, and when the in our members, warring against the law ur mind, threatens to bring us into cap- y to the law of sin. O do Thou estab- strengthen and settle us, that we may be e than conquerors, and keep ourselves notted from the world. Thou Spirit of , be gracious unto us, and unite us all in bonds of Christian concord. Enable us eep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of ce.

Thou, who art our only sufficient Com- er in every time of need, deliver us from fear of suffering and of death. Bind up broken-hearted. Raise up those that are ed down by sorrows and distresses. en we meet with severe trials, do Thou us with patience and with firmness of ; and when our end is at hand, minister ouragement to our souls, that we may mph over the terrors of death. Thou it of adoption, so sanctify our bodies and souls, that we may be temples meet for e to dwell in. Grant that, in our hearts in our lives, we may bring forth the fruit he Spirit. *And make us* true followers *Christ, even His peculiar* people, who *forth the praises of their* Lord, and are *y to enter upon the* glorious Sabbath *just made perfect,* and to join them in

God of Hosts;

Congregation. The whole earth is full His glory.

M. There are three that bear record heaven, the Father, the Word, and the H Ghost;

C. And these three are one.

M. Of Him, and through Him, and to E are all things;

C. To whom be glory, for ever. Amen

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and e shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

Prayer.

Almighty, eternal, and most merciful (

Thee in true faith, we praise Thee, we acknowledge Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee now and evermore, and by our prayer and pure confession, we would separate ourselves from all who do not acknowledge and worship Thee as the only true and living God, but make unto themselves gods by their own imagination, and dishonor and blaspheme Thy holy name.

O God, the Father everlasting, who from all eternity didst beget Thy Son, and through Him didst make known to us the counsel of our salvation, and hast ordained Him to be the Mediator and Redeemer of the whole human race, we come before Thee with humble hearts, beseeching Thee to have mercy upon us, and to forgive us all our sins. O Lord God of Hosts, lift upon us the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be healed. May it please Thee, O Lord, to gather together a holy Church in all the parts of the world to worship and praise Thy holy name, and to preserve unto Thyself among us also a holy seed. We commend to the care of Thy merciful Providence in these last evil days all temporal governments, beseeching Thee to grant, that by the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit, they may so rule and govern, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

O God, the everlasting Son, who art the express image of the Father, and the brightness of His glory, who of Thine unspeakable love didst take upon Thee our nature, and didst *make an atonement* for all our sins, we *praise and magnify Thee* for all Thy goodness *and mercy, and humbly* acknowledge, tha *we can never worthily* thank Thee therefo



are permitted to worship Thee without fear or compulsion, that we know the way to Thee and Thy favor through our Redeemer, as the only Mediator of our salvation; and that we know, that there is now no more need of any sacrifice or merit, of any expiation or atonement in order to obtain peace with Thee, but only of living faith in that redemption which was achieved by Jesus Christ.

Thou good and gracious God! Preserve unto us continually this invaluable blessing, that it may still be enjoyed by our latest posterity. Continue evermore to be the shield and buckler, the sure abode and salvation of Thy church. Enlighten, sanctify and bless her through Thy word and ordinances. Enable her rightly to value the privileges which Thou hast graciously bestowed upon her, that she may hold fast, and faithfully administer the treasure committed to her, and suffer none to spoil her of her crown. Purify her from all offences, and graciously defend her from all schisms and divisions. Vouchsafe at all times to our congregations pious and faithful teachers, who shall proclaim Thy word in its purity and integrity, constrained by the deep convictions of the heart; and accompany their preaching with the powerful influences of Thy Spirit, that it may bring forth blessed fruit in the hearts and lives of Christians. O Lord! grant that we may dwell in Thy regenerated church, as Thy regenerated children, walking worthily of the blessed gospel, and adorning its doctrines by a holy life. Help us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and never suffer us to become the slaves of

or of sin. May holiness be the ornament of Thy house for ever, and to the glory of our God may the light shine from the candlestick of every congregation. Father of all men, have mercy upon all! Bestow the blessings for which we are permitted to praise Thee, upon those of our brethren who are still destitute of them. Restrain everywhere, the kingdom of darkness upon earth, and make the light of Thy truth more and more to fill the world. Convert those who hate Thy word, and forgive them, seeing that they know not what they do. Send help to all that suffer tribulation, and oppression and persecution for conscience' sake, and deliver them by Thy mighty arm out of all these troubles. Bless us, and all men, in Christ our Lord with understanding and wisdom, with faith and love, with peace in life, and hope in death. And unto Thee, the Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit be praise, and honor, and adoration, and thanksgiving in the Church, which is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

11. Days of Thanksgiving.

Te Deum Laudamus.

Note: *To be said or sung.*

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all *angels cry aloud*—the heavens *and all the powers therein.*

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually *do cry,*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth!



Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of the martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite majesty;

Thine, adorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy Name ever, world *without end.*

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us, this day *without sin.*

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee we have trusted; let us never be confounded. Amen.

NOTE: *On days of thanksgiving, an extempore prayer shall be offered.*

12. FOR DAYS OF HUMILIATION.

The Litany.

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Congregation. Christ, have mercy upon us.
M. Lord, have mercy upon us.
C. O Christ, hear us.
M. O God the Father in heaven,
C. Have mercy upon us.
M. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
C. Have mercy upon us.
M. O God the Holy Ghost;
C. Have mercy upon us.
M. Be gracious unto us;
C. Spare us, good Lord.
M. Be gracious unto us;
C. Help us, good Lord.
M. From all sin; from all error; from all evil;
C. Good Lord, deliver us.
M. From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden death, from pestilence and famine; *from war and* bloodshed; from *sedition and rebellion;* from storms and tempest; *from all calamity* by fire and water; *and from everlasting death;*
C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. We poor sinners do beseech [illegible]

C. To hear us, O Lord God.

M. And that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy word, and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; to restore all such as have erred, and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Thy harvest; to accompany Thy word with Thy Spirit and grace; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and distressed;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to give to all nations peace and concord; to preserve our country from discord and contention; to give [illegible] Thy enemies; to grant

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risoned; to defend and provide for
dows and orphans; and to have mer
pon all men;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, go
Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to forgive o
enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and
turn their hearts; to give and preserve to o
use the fruits of the earth; and graciously
hear our prayers;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, go
Lord.

M. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us.

M. O Lamb of God, who takest away t
sins of the world;

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O Lamb of God, who takest away t
sins of the world;

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O Lamb of God, who takest away t
sins of the world;

C. Grant us Thy peace.

M. O Christ, hear us; Lord have mer
upon us.

C. Christ, have mercy upon us.

M. Lord, have mercy upon us.

C. Amen.

Note: *On days of Humiliation, an extempore pra*
shall be offered.

THE LITURGY.

SECTION II.

THE ORDER OF MINISTERIAL ACTS.

I.—The Order of Holy Baptism.

1. The Baptism of Infants.

Note: Baptism should be administered in the church, in the presence of the congregation; it may, however, when peculiar circumstances demand it, be administered privately. The minister shall enter the names of the parents of the child with the date of its birth and baptism in the church record. At the baptism the following order shall be observed: At the morning service the minister shall, after the Confession, give out a suitable hymn, at the evening service the first hymn should be adapted to the ordinance: The child shall be presented at the font before the last verse is sung, and the minister shall say:

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and our Saviour Christ saith, Except a man be born again of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His goodness and mercy, He would receive this child, by baptism, into the Church of the Redeemer, and make it a living member of the same. Remember that it is your bounden duty to see that it be taught, as soon as it shall be able to learn, what a solemn promise you have made in its name. And that it may know these things the better, you should admonish it to give due heed to the instruction given in the Church, and to all those things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's salvation; *and that thus this* child may be virtuously *brought up* to lead a godly and a *Christian life; remembering* always that baptism *doth represent* to us our profession,

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Thee for this child, and beseech Thee to bestow upon it the gift of Thy baptism and Thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration. Receive it, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. So give now to us who ask, let us who seek, find; open the gate to us who knock; that this child may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse.*

his hands upon them, and blessed

The minister, laying his right hand on the child, shall pray:

her, who art in heaven; Hallowed me; Thy kingdom come; Thy will n earth, as it is in heaven; Give us our daily bread; And forgive us sses, as we forgive those who tres- st us; And lead us not into temp- it deliver us from evil; For Thine dom, and the power, and the glory, id ever. Amen.

minister shall then ask the parents or guar

your desire that this child shall be in the manner ordained by Jesus d thus be received into his Church? iswer, Yes.

you believe in God the Father , Maker of heaven and earth?

Jesus Christ His only Son, our o was conceived by the Holy Ghost, he Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and le descended into hell; The third ose again from the dead; He as- to heaven, And sitteth on the right God the Father Almighty; From e shall come to judge the quick and

l believe in the Holy Ghost; The stian Church; the Communion of he forgiveness of sins; The Resur- the body; And the life everlast- l answer, Yes.

promise, by the help of God, to

Baptism is not simply water, but ... water comprehended in God's command, connected with God's word.

NOTE: *Then shall the minister ask:*

What shall be the name of the child?

NOTE: *Then shall he baptize with a free applicat water, saying:*

N. I baptize thee in the name of th ther, and of the Son, and of the Holy G Amen.

Let us pray:

Gracious Father in heaven, we render our hearty thanks, that Thou hast pern us to present this child unto Thee, acco to the ordinance of our blessed Saviour it has thus been introduced into Thy Church, and brought among the numl

NOTE: *The minister shall then, holding his hand over the Bd, pronounce the Old Testament benediction.*

The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Amen.

NOTE: *The services then proceed as usually.*

PRIVATE BAPTISM

Shall be performed according to the form given above, the minister commencing the sacred act by saying:

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and from the Holy Ghost. Amen.

II.—The Baptism of Adults.

NOTE: *Adult Baptism shall, except in cases of sickness, always be performed in the Church. The candidate having presented himself, the minister standing at the altar shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dearly beloved, we learn from the word of God and from the testimony of our own lives, that all men are conceived and born in sin, and that we must all assuredly perish, except our blessed Lord and Saviour, the only begotten Son *of God, deliver* us from our sin *and guilt. Inasmuch* as this person, w *now desires to be* baptized is of like sin *and depraved nature*, and our Lord J *Christ has borne in* His own body the

estow upon him (*her*) ever...
dently believing, that He will accept your
offering and intercession of love, and will
assuredly hear your prayer.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to Thee for succor, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; we call upon Thee for this person, who desires the gift of Thy baptism, and Thine everlasting grace. Receive him (*her*) O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. So give now to him who asks; let him ... seeks find; open the gate unto him ... person may enjoy

s of the Father, and of the Son and
ly Ghost; teaching them to obser
ings, whatsoever I have commanded
and lo I am with you always, even un
end of the world.

In like manner he says: (Mark xv
He that believeth and is baptized sh
saved; but he that believeth not sh
damned.

In accordance with this command c
Lord Jesus, this person has been insti
in the saving doctrines of the Gospe
now desires, by holy baptism, to be in
rated into the Church of Christ. Fora
then as we do not doubt that it is righ
his desire should be granted;

Let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hal
be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Th
be done on earth, as it is in heaven; G
this day our daily bread; And forgive
trespasses, as we forgive those who tr
against us; And lead us not into tempt
But deliver us from evil; For Thine
kingdom, and the power, and the glo
ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say to the pers*
baptized:

The Lord preserve thy going out a
coming in, from this time forth, and ev
evermore.

NOTE: *The minister shall then ask;*

Do you receive the religion of Jesus
as it is contained in the sacred Script
the New Testament?
If so, you

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead? Do you believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church; The communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting?

Then answer, Yes.

3. Will you endeavor with the aid of the Holy Spirit to adorn your profession by a walk and conversation, conformable to the precepts of the Gospel and the example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

Answer, Yes.

4. Do you sincerely desire to be baptized and to make your covenant with God?

Answer, Yes.

NOTE: *The minister shall then say:*

NOTE: *Then shall the person to be baptized kneel down, or the minister shall baptize him, saying:*

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

NOTE: *Then laying his hand upon his head, he shall say:*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, strengthen and keep thee by His grace unto life eternal. Peace be with thee. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath taught us by His own conduct to fulfill all righteousness; we offer to Thee our thankful acknowledgements that this Thy servant (*handmaid*) has now been engrafted into the body of Christ's Church, and been made a partaker of those heavenly blessings which we have received through our great Mediator. We do most humbly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst keep him (*her*) and all of us, who have been baptized, in steadfast continuance in Thy grace, so that here on earth we may lead truly godly lives, according to Thy good pleasure, and to the praise and glory of Thy holy name, and in the end may receive the promised inheritance in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

NOTE: *The person baptized now standing up, the minister shall give him the right hand of fellowship, and say:*

Upon the voluntary profession and pr*mises, which you have* now made, I here *acknowledge and declare* you to be a mem

III.—The Order of Confirmation

NOTE. *Confirmation should take place in the the presence of the congregation. Only when by sickness, or other causes, this is impossible, can it istered privately. The service shall commence wit ing of two or more verses of a suitable hymn, dur the candidates for confirmation shall present th the altar. The minister, standing at the altar, say, with or without responses:*

The Lord be with you!

Congregation. And with thy spirit!

M. Let the beauty of the Lord our upon us; and establish Thou the wor hands upon us!

arty wish to be admitted to the of all those blessings which the ns upon His Church, and by par- His Holy Supper to be brought est intimate union with our Lord · Jesus Christ. They desire pub- fess their Christian faith, and for to renew and ratify the promises otism. Let us therefore beseech od, our heavenly Father, in the · Lord Jesus Christ, that He would m, so strengthening them by the is Holy Spirit, that they may be true faith, and in purity and ho- , steadfast unto the end.

ay:

God, most merciful Father, who e us into Thy kingdom, and dost souls precious in Thy sight, we ee of Thy great goodness, that dst by Thy Holy Spirit, so bless these persons, that they may od confession of Thy name; that ver live in the communion of Thy true faith and obedience to Thy l that they may continue steadfast enant of Thy grace to the end, esus Christ Thy dear Son our en.

inister shall then ask·

you in the presence of the Omni- and *of this congregation*· *sincere purpose* now solemnly to *baptismal covenant*, and to re- *dominion* of the devil, of the *in?* Then answer, Yes.

Supreme . . .
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, . . .
you will live, suffer and die, according to His will and word?

Then answer, Yes.

4. Will you remain faithful to the doctrines of our Lord Jesus, according to the Confession of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, and will you render a conscientious obedience thereto until death?

Then answer, Yes.

5. Do you promise, with the help of God, to observe all the duties of a regular member of this Christian Church, and submit yourself to its rules of government and discipline?

Then answer, Yes.

NOTE: *The candidates shall then kneel and the minister laying his right hand on the head of each, shall say one of the following sentences:*

. . . of souls! Look

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ing, and the blesse
Amen.

Or,

The God of all grace,
unto His eternal glory by
you perfect, stablish, stre
and keep you through fa
lasting. Amen.

Or,

The very God of peace sa
that your whole spirit, an
may be preserved blameles
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Or,

May Almighty God, the F
ever multiply unto you His
May He enable you, by His
become true followers of H
you in every time of danger
faithful unto the end; and b
happiness of this heavenly kin

Or,

Our heavenly Father increas
within you, for Jesus Christ's
of His Holy Spirit; that so you
faith, and in the power of goo
tience under suffering, and in
hope of everlasting life. Amen

Or,

May God, the Father of our
hrist, give unto you His Hol
ide you into all truth, to
ainst all temptations, to stre
every good work, and to br
unto His eternal joy. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, and God
which hath loved us, and

through Jesus Christ; to whom be g
ever and ever. Amen.

Or,

Grace be unto you, that you may fi
good fight of faith, and lay hold on
life, whereunto thou art also called, a
professed a good profession before ma
nesses. Amen.

Or,

The love of Christ so constrain y
you may live henceforth not unto y
but unto Him which died for you a
again. Amen.

Or,

May you receive the Holy Spirit,
tect and defend you against all
strengthen and help you unto all go
you may glorify God in your body,

the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from Thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed: thus hast Thou spoken, O Lord, our Redeemer.

We would now with one accord beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst keep these Thy young servants, who have here renewed their baptismal covenant, as living members of Christ Jesus, steadfast in the true faith, and in obedience unto Thy holy Gospel. Strengthen them by Thy Spirit, that neither false doctrine, fleshly lusts, nor the vanities of the world, may lead them astray from that truth which this day they have solemnly confessed. Grant them grace that they may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ; and evermore increase in wisdom, holiness, and righteousness, which is well-pleasing in Thy sight. May they abide in Thy love, and their whole life be a true confession of Thy name, to their own everlasting salvation, and to the joy of their friends, to the building up of Thy Church, and to the praise of Thy glorious grace. May they now go forth in the peace of Christ, and in the joy of the Holy Ghost, being blessed of Thee, Lord, who hast made the heavens and the earth, and who hast reconciled heaven and earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, true Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who for the redemption of Thy people, livest and reignest to all eternity; sanctify us *all by Thy* grace. May we *all to-day renew our* vows of everlasting *delity to Thee our Lord* and our Redeemer. *ve us might and strength* to fight a good *t, to finish our course,* to keep the faith,



that there may be laid up for us the crown of righteousness, which Thou hast promised unto all them that love Thy appearing. Let Thy Spirit, and Thy peace be upon us and upon our children.

We now commend ourselves to the fullness of Thy grace, O Lord, our God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think — unto Thee be adoration, and praise, and thanksgiving, in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

NOTE: *All then rising, the minister shall give to each the right hand of fellowship, saying:*

Upon the voluntary profession and promises, which you have made, I hereby acknowledge and declare you to be a member of this Christian congregation, and give you, in its name, the right hand of Christian fellowship and love, and authorize you to join with us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all our spiritual privileges, so long as you remain faithful to your present profession and promises. Go in peace.

NOTE: *Then shall be sung a suitable hymn, after which the services shall proceed as usually. If the service preparatory to the Lord's Supper is held in connection with confirmation, the former should follow immediately upon the latter.*

IV.—The Order of Holy Communion.

1. The Order of Confession.

Preparatory to the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

NOTE: *The Lord's Supper should be administered under ordinary circumstances, at least four times a year; at Christmas, on Easter Sunday, Whitsunday, and on a Sunday between Whitsunday and Christmas. The pastor should give timely notice from the pulpit of the intended celebration. Those who intend to commune may report their names to the pastor after the notice has been given, and all who have failed to do this should be required to do it at the time of holding the preparatory service, that the pastor and council may know if any member neglects the Holy Communion.*

The names of the communicants should be recorded in the church book. Immediately after the names have been taken down, the elders of the Church shall examine the list, and if any suspended or expelled members shall have handed in their names, they shall be directed not to approach the sacred board until restored to their standing in the Church.

On the day preceding the communion this service should be held, and all the members should endeavor to be present, even if it requires considerable effort and self-denial on their part.

After either a sermon or an address, urging careful self-examination and humble and heartfelt confession has been delivered, and a hymn sung, the minister, standing at the altar, shall say:

Dearly Beloved! I ask you, before the Omniscient God, and upon the evidence of your own conscience:

1. Whether you are truly sensible, and with contrite hearts acknowledge and lament, not only that you are by nature sinners, but that you have *in various* ways, by the omis*sion of duty, and by sinful* thoughts, desires, *words, and actions,* grieved and offended the *Lord your God and* Saviour, and that you *have deserved that* He should banish you



from His presence, and condemn you to everlasting punishment?

If this be your sincere conviction, confess it by saying, Yes.

2. I ask you, whether you truly believe that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners, and that all who believe in His name do receive the forgiveness of their sins? Is it, therefore, your fervent desire to be delivered from your sins and guilt; and are you persuaded that our heavenly Father is willing, for Jesus Christ's sake, to be gracious unto you, to forgive you all your sins, to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, and to sanctify you to Himself?

If this be your sincere belief, confess it by saying, Yes.

3. I ask you, whether you are fully resolved henceforth to submit yourselves to the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit, so that you may evermore strive to hate and forsake all manner of evil, to walk circumspectly before God, and daily to grow in holiness of heart and life?

If this be your serious purpose, confess it in the presence of God and each other by saying, Yes. Let us devoutly kneeling make this confession in prayer.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we have often and grievously sinned in thy sight. We have offended against Thee, not only by numerous outward acts of transgression, but by the *secret thoughts*, affections, and desires of our *corrupt hearts*, all which are indeed naked *and open in* Thy sight, but which we cannot *fully understand* or confess unto Thee. It is *with sincere* sorrow and heartfelt repentance

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ansgressions. We fervently desi
dness of those whose sins are f
hose transgressions are covered
or those consolations which ar
into them that mourn. It is our
pose to amend our sinful lives,
more godly, righteously, and sobe
have hitherto done. We beseec
Lord, to enable us through the a
Thy Holy Spirit, to carry this res
effect. And especially prepare
entreat Thee, for the worthy cel
the Lord's Supper, so that, engag
sacred ordinance, hungering afte
that perisheth not, and thirst
waters of life, we may receive fr
ness, grace for grace, be strengt
faith, and enabled to love Thec
serve Thee better, making mar
cerity of our profession of fa
toward Thee, by the active chr
exhibit toward our brethren of

Lord God, our Father in
mercy upon us; Lord God, R
world, have mercy upon u
Holy Spirit, have mercy upo
Thy peace. Amen.

NOTE. *The minister shall then say.*

Upon the confession whi
made, I, by virtue of my o
of Jesus Christ, declare to
repent *and heartily believe*
resolved by the assistance
henceforth to amend your
a godly and pious life, the



sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

But, on the other hand, on the authority of the word of God, and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, I declare to all who are impenitent, the hypocritical as well as the openly wicked, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive you your sins, but will retain them against you, and will assuredly punish you for your iniquities in the end, except you repent before your day of grace be ended, except you sincerely renounce and forsake your evil ways and come to Christ in true penitence and faith, which we fervently pray you may do ere it be too late.

May God have mercy upon every one of us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and finally bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *The service is then concluded by the singing of a hymn and the benediction.*

2. THE HOLY COMMUNION.

NOTE: *The minister standing at the altar may say, with or without responses:*

The Lord be with you.

Congregation. And with thy spirit.

M. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them up unto the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

C. It is meet and right so to do.

NOTE: Then shall the minister say:

It is truly meet, right and salutary, that *we should at all times* and in all places gi

The minister and congregation say or

The Sanctus.

holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
n and earth are full of Thy glory,
ına in the highest!
ed is He that cometh in the name of
d.
ına in the highest!

The minister shall then say:

y Beloved! We are assembled to par-
that holy supper which our Lord
Christ instituted shortly before His
, and we should seriously consider,
r we have attained that reverent and
frame of mind, and those exalted

Shepherd and Bishop,
return, gives us therein a pledge, ...
remain faithful to Him, He will never leave us nor forsake us. As certainly, therefore, as the truly penitent and believing communicant eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, so certainly he receives the seal of his acceptance with God; an assurance that his life is hid with Christ in God.

I exhort you, therefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus, to come to this Holy Sacrament with a deep sense of your unworthiness, confessing your sins, and acknowledging your entire dependence upon the mercy of God for salvation. I beseech you also to draw near to this table, with full confidence in that blessed Redeemer, who has declared, "My body is broken, my blood is shed, for the remission of your sins."

... "then say:

Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner, He also took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me.

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say:*

All who sincerely repent of their sins, who confess Jesus before men, who desire to meet Him at His table, and who are earnestly endeavoring to make their calling and election sure, are invited to draw near with faith and love, and partake of the holy sacrament This invitation is cordially extended not only to all visiting disciples of our own communion, but also to all who are members in good standing of other Christian churches. In the name of Jesus Christ I say to all who truly love Him, ye are welcome to this feast of love. We are all one in Christ.

NOTE: *Then shall be sung the Agnus Dei or some other sacramental hymn, after which the distribution shall begin without the distinction of male and female.*

The Agnus Dei.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest *away the sins of* the world, have mercy *upon us!*

NOTE: *When the minister ...*

Jesus saith, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do, in remembrance of me.

NOTE: *When he gives the cup, he shall say.*

Jesus saith, This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins.

NOTE: *When all have communed the minister shall place upon the altar what remains of the consecrated elements, covering the same.*

Then may be said or sung, the congregation standing, the Nunc Dimittis, or a suitable hymn.

The Nunc Dimittis.

... now lettest Thou Thy servant depa... ... Thy word.

shall be said with or without responses,

The Thanksgiving.

der. O give thanks unto the Lord, for
ood.
regation. And His mercy endureth for

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
t heartily thank Thee that Thou hast
vouchsafed to feed us with the most
s body of Thy dear Son, our Saviour
Christ; and we humbly beseech Thee,
sly to strengthen us, through this holy
ent, in faith toward Thee, in charity
one another, and in the blessed hope
lasting life, through Jesus Christ, Thy
n, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth
hee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
without end.
men, amen.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
rom now, henceforth and for ever.
The minister shall then pronounce the benediction.

. THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK.

There ought always to be one or more uniting with id or afflicted in partaking of the sacrament. The tion service must be used, but the length of the ser- be regulated by the condition of the communicant.

V.—The Order of Marriage.

he name of God the Father, and the
the Holy Spirit.
beloved! Forasmuch as marriage
ted by God Himself, and is honor-

unto his wife; and they shall

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies; he that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

But you should also remember, that by reason of our manifold sins, God has appointed that those who enter into this estate should also bear the cross. You cannot therefore expect always to enjoy prosperity ... will also come; but if yo

. Do you take this woman to be
dded wife, to live together after
rdinance in the holy estate of matri
Will you love her, comfort her, hon
keep her, as a faithful Christian hush
bound to do, in health and in sickn
prosperity and in adversity; and for
all others, keep you only unto her, so l
you both shall live?

Answer, Yes.

N. Do you take this man to be you
ded husband, to live together after
ordinance in the holy estate of matri
Will you love him, comfort him, hon
keep him, as a faithful Christian w
bound to do, in health and in sickn
prosperity and in adversity; and for
all others, keep you only unto him, s
as you both shall live?

Answer, Yes.

Note: *If the ring or rings are used, the minister* ing it to be now done, *shall say:*

The ring is an emblem of eternity.
nal and indissoluble be the bond o
love.

Note: *The minister shall then say:*

Join your right hands.

Forasmuch as N. and N. have m
consented to live together in holy w
and have witnessed the same before G
this company, I as a minister of Jesus
pronounce them man and wife, in the
of the Father, and of the Son, and
Holy Ghost, *and what God* hath joine
ther, let no man put asunder.

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the Creator and P

blessing. We adore [illegible]
our benevolent affections, and of all
social satisfactions and comforts. We praise
Thee, that Thou hast ordained for us do-
mestic institutions. And we beseech Thee
to behold with Thy favor and to bless these
Thy servants, who have now entered into the
closest and tenderest of all earthly connec-
tions. Help them to fulfill with fidelity the
vow and covenant which they have made in
Thy presence; that the relation, in which
they stand to each other, may not be to them
a state of temptation and sorrow, but of holi-
ness, joy, and perfect indissoluble friendship.
Give them grace to overlook each other's
infirmities, to cherish a due regard for each
other's opinions and feelings, to be just to
each other's virtues and good intentions, to
improve each other's understanding and
heart, and to travel together hand in hand
the road which leads to heaven and The[illegible]
[illegible]ble them by persevering affection, by
[illegible] and by united devotion

ɐ Order for the Installation of the Church Council.

The officers elected shall present themselves before and the minister shall say:

r Brethren! You have been duly elect- the members of this church as its offi- As your brethren have thus shown hey confide in your readiness to dis- e with fidelity the offices to which you been chosen, I now invite your atten- to a brief statement of your official es.

. *The Duties of an Elder are these:*

le shall set before the church a truly ristian example.

He shall take care that evangelical doctrine id Christian discipline are maintained in e church.

He shall visit the schools of the church om time to time, and see that good order is served in them, and that the children are roperly instructed.

When discord and controversies arise, he hall endeavor, as far as possible, to reconcile he parties concerned, and to restore peace.

If the Pastor desire it, he shall accompany im on his visits to the sick.

In the absence of the Pastor, he shall con- luct public worship.

2. *The Duties of a Deacon are these:*

He shall set before the church a truly *Christian example.*

He shall render all necessary aid in the *ices of the sanctuary,* and especially fc *reparation of the* Lord's Supper.

cared for.

NOTE: *The minister shall then say:*

You have thus heard, my brethren, are the duties that pertain to your resp offices. In order that the congregation be assured of your willingness to pe them to the best of your ability, you wil in the presence of God and each other known this your willingness by saying,

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, who art the chief herd and Bishop of the flock which hast purchased with Thy blood, we Thee that Thou continuest to dispose r labor in Thy church, and faithfully t vide for its temporal and spiritua fare. Blessed Saviour, vouchsafe Thy

for the sake of that love wherewith
rest us. Amen.

he minister giving his right hand to each, shall

he Lord direct and assist you by His
irit; may He counsel and strengthen
ll your undertakings, and encourage
abor diligently for the prosperity of
rch, and to fulfill with fidelity your
re duties. Depart in peace, and may
of peace bless you. Amen.

he Order for the Installation of a Minister.

the minister who is to be installed preaches on the installation should precede the sermon. resident of the Ministerium, or another minisby him preaches, the installation should folm. The officiating minister shall begin with unday morning service, proceeding as far as the Scriptural Lessons, when he shall say the lowing:

ay.

ciful God, our heavenly Father,
mmanded us by His Son Jesus
Lord, that we should pray Thee
laborers into Thy harvest; we
eech Thee to send to us continuhers and ministers of Thy word,
ten their minds with the knowtruth, *that they* may faithfully
Thy whole counsel; that we
ied, enlightened, nourished,
rengthened by Thy heavenly
word, may in this present

world do those things which please and finally come to the enjoyment of life, through Jesus Christ, Thy So Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the following Scripture L read instead of the Epistle and Gospel for the da* othy iii. 1; vi. 7; vi. 3, 21; Acts xx. 28, 31; Joh 23. *If the minister installed preaches, now, if n close of the sermon, the officiating minister standi altar shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of t and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Beloved brethren, members of this tian Church: We have been duly aut to install as your pastor and teacher, our esteemed brother and fellow-lab the service of our Lord Jesus Chris though we do not doubt that the congr have fully concurred in his election comes us nevertheless to pay due re church order. Therefore, before we to this Installation, we desire to be di tified by the congregation, through it cil, that you have chosen this broth your pastor.

NOTE: *This may now be done according to pr rangement, either by the delivery to the officiating of a written call, or by the oral declaration of on of the Church council appointed for this purpo shall the officiating minister say:*

We now proceed with pleasure to di the duty entrusted to us, and request ther to present himself before the alta

NOTE: The minister to be installed now present before the altar; he should be accompanied by th of the Church council:

Receive then, dear brother, the h *to which you* have been duly cho

ith its privileges and its responsi-
We all entertain the confident hope
will discharge its duties with con-
fidelity, in the sight of God and of
hile you seek to become all things
n, you will make it the great aim
bors to promote true and vital god-
l to win souls to Christ. You will
th special interest the lambs of your
ing care that they are early in-
n the doctrines of the Gospel, that
be the planting of the Lord, and
n the courts of our God, and thus
attain their own salvation, but be-
essing to the Church.
ve already in your secret prayer
o God to perform all these duties;
ill now announce this your purpose
regation about to be committed to
e.
re ask you, before the omnipresent
archer of all hearts, at the sacred
Lord Jesus Christ, and in the
this Christian congregation; are
nd earnestly resolved to fulfill
of your holy office with consci-
ty; will you order all your in-
ording to the word of God in
e, and the Confessions of our
utheran Church founded on the
our life and conversation show
e minister of our Lord Jesus
s be your serious purpose, an-
ving:

by the help of God.

officiating minister say:

ath heard your promise,

that respect and love to wh
entitled. You have yoursel
as your pastor; and without y
love, he cannot prosecute th
Lord with success. Be min
monition of the apostle: "(
have the rule over you, an
selves: for they watch for yo
that must give account: that
with joy and not with grief
profitable for you." Receiv
fixed purpose to do everythi
to cause him, even in eterr
day that brought him amor
forget his temporal necessitie
liberally and cheerfully to l
ing as God has prospered yo
his labors in your behalf,
very highly in love for his

Prayer.

hty and everlasting Father, Thou
blished a kingdom for Thyself upon
. Thou hast founded for Thyself,
Son Jesus, a holy Church, against
e gates of hell cannot prevail. It is
ious will that from this blessed in-
salvation to the souls of men shall
unto the end of days. Praise and
be unto Thee, the Father of mer-
this manifestation of Thy goodness
.

nder praise and thanksgiving to
lory be to Thee for all the blessings
e preaching of Thy Gospel in these
ts, hath brought to immortal souls.
ce be with all who have labored in
rice within this congregation, and
hful in their labors.

ther in Christ, Thou dost this day
ther laborer into this Thy harvest
hou dost command him to spread
venly light, to invite men to Thy
consolations; in Christ's stead to
hose whom He has redeemed: "Be
ciled unto God." Look down in
on him, that he may fulfill his holy
re to the praise of Thy glorious
Replenish him with all those Thy
ch are requisite to the faithful and
l execution of his office. Support
all his endeavors by Thy mighty
nd crown *his sincere* efforts with
uccess. Give him strength to be
his high calling, even amid diffi-
l opposition. And when at last
n earth is ended, may he as a

tinued to them in their [illegible],
peaceful kingdom of Thy Son so flou
prosper, that all who worship Thee
place may in the end find their name
in the Lamb's book of life.

O Lord our God, who doest more
can ask or think, fill us all with T
O Thou God of peace, sanctify us
that our whole spirit and soul and b
be preserved blameless unto the c
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTE: *A hymn shall now be sung, after whic
installed pastor, kneeling with his face to the
say:*

Create in me a clean heart, O G
renew a right spirit within me.

NOTE: *Then arising and turning to the con
shall say:*

[illegible]

r Son, our Lord. Amen.

on.

pe Order of Licensure of Candidates.

able hymn shall be sung, and the Candidate
ition before the altar. The President shall

ne of the Father, and of the Son,
Holy Ghost. Amen.
n the Lord: You stand here in
e of God, to receive authority

if through your negligence and
or the actual violation of your tr
souls should be neglected and
unspeakably great and glorious
reward, if through your instrume
precious souls shall be brought
rescued from temporal and ete
tion.

The duties which devolve
a licentiate in the gospel mi
follows:

1. A licensed candidate is a
perform all ministerial acts in t
tions committed to him.

2. His duty is to preach the
terated word of God, to give reli
tion to children, to perform all
appertaining to the same office,
ence, and

diary, with two or three sermons and
ense.

ese, beloved brethren, are the duties
h you are now authorized and required,
the help of God to perform. Will you
rive to fulfill them to the best of your
ability, and faithfully discharge the duties
of the office with which you are entrusted;
will you preach in their purity the doctrines
of the Church, according to the Augsburg
confession, as they are set forth in God's holy
word; and will you endeavor by the grace
of God to be a pattern to your congregation
in faith and love; if so, declare this your
purpose in the presence of God and this
Christian assembly, by saying, Yes.

NOTE: *The President shall now say:*

You have witnessed a good confession, and
to it we say Yea and Amen.

NOTE: *The President now handing him the license shall say:*

Receive this license, which until the next
meeting of Synod invests you with the office
of the holy ministry.

And now, agreeably to ancient and sacred
usage, extend to us your right hand in con-
firmation of the promises which you have
made.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ! Thou art truly the
Chief Shepherd *and Bishop* of Thy church.
Thou hast founded, preserved and governed
it unto this day. Thou hast appointed teach-
ers and evangelists to be stewards of the mys-
teries of God, to instruct, to exhort, to be-

irreproachable walk and con
so they may serve Thee with
godly sincerity, laboring for th
Thy kingdom, and the salvatio
souls.

Our Father, who art in heav
be Thy name; Thy kingdom c
be done on earth, as it is in he
this day our daily bread; And
trespasses, as we forgive those
against us; And lead us not in
But deliver us from evil; Fo
kingdom, and the power, and
ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE: *The President shall then pr*
diction.

ed; if this cannot be done, an address at the altar recede the Ordination.

he sermon a hymn of invocation of the Holy Spirit be sung. At the close of the hymn, the ordaining er and the assistants shall go to the altar, and the ns to be ordained s all stand before it. The ordaining nister shall say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Or,

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, said to His disciples, (John xx. 21,) Peace be unto you, as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

When He was about to ascend into heaven. He said to them, (Matthew xxviii. 18,) All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world.

And when He ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things; He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, (Ephesians iv. 10.)

Therefore the office of the ministry of reconciliation, the office of the Spirit whose work it is to justify, to renew, and to save, was instituted by the Lord Himself. Not that they are sufficient of themselves to hold this office of the New Testament, but their

sufficiency is of God. They are ambassadors for Christ; as though God did beseech you by them; and they have received from God a ministration of exceeding glory.

They should therefore adorn their ministry in all things, as St. Paul the apostle writes to Timothy and Titus. A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?) not self-willed, not soon angry, vigilant, sober, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, of good behaviour, temperate, just, holy, given to hospitality, a lover of good men, not a brawler, not covetous, but patient, not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil, apt to teach, holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. He must be an example to the flock in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. He must give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine; and not neglect the gift that is in him, which was given him by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. He must meditate upon these things, and give himself wholly to them, that his profiting may appear to all. He must take heed to himself, and to the doctrine, and continue in them, for in so doing he shall both save himself and them tha

ar him. The same blessed apostle has riefly set forth all these things in his charge o the elders at Ephesus, Acts xx. 28, where e says: Take heed therefore to yourselves, nd to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.

From all these things you learn to how high a dignity, and to how weighty an office and charge, you are called; and that it is most certainly true, what the apostle saith: If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. Forasmuch then as your office and work is of so great difficulty, and you are not able of yourselves faithfully to fulfill it, so as shall be well pleasing to God, and to the edification of the Church; we exhort you to put your trust in the almighty grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, and to comfort yourselves with His help. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. And He who has promised to be with us alway, even unto the end of the world, will uphold you, and prosper you, in that whereunto He has sent you. And may He, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, now give you grace, with pure lips, and sincere hearts, to make that confession which the Church has authorized us to ask of you. To this end lift up your hearts unto God, and say:

NOTE: *The persons to be ordained joining audibly.*

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech Thee *to strengthen me* now by Thy good Spirit, *that with gladness* and sincerity of heart, *I may confess* my purpose to serve thee *in doctrine and life*; so that ever here-

NOTE: *Here ... sons to be ordained, and each ... upon it, and the ordaining minister shall sa*

I now demand of you, beloved
the Lord, in the presence of G
Lord Jesus Christ, and also of th
assembly: Whether you are now
due consideration, to take upon y
office, and as God shall give you
execute and discharge the sam
manner as shall be well pleasing
and Chief Shepherd of the Ch
you preach the pure word of Go
ance with the true understandin
as set forth in the Confessions o
and will you, by the grace o
others the example of a godly
so purpose, confess it before
Christian congregation, by yo

Then: The persons to be ordained kneeling, the ordaining Bishop shall say:

Upon these solemn vows, which you have now taken upon you before God and men; we beseech God, the Father of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the only Lord of the harvest, that He would so replenish you with His Holy Spirit, that you may be fitted worthily to exercise this sacred office. May He so strengthen and keep you, that you may give no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approve yourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, ye live; as chastened, and not killed: as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things, (2 Corinthians vi.) The Lord grant you grace to do and suffer the work of the Gospel ministry, that in that great day ye may be ready to appear before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give answer to the righteous Judge, to receive from His hand glory and honor and immortality, and to shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and *ever.* *Amen.*

Then: The assisting ministers shall say:

Amen. *Amen.*

in the name of the Father, and and of the Holy Ghost.

NOTE: *The assisting ministers shall say:*

Amen. Amen.

NOTE: *Then all the ordained ministers say:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, be Thy name; Thy kingdom come be done on earth, as it is in heave this day our daily bread; And for trespasses, as we forgive those w against us; And lead us not into t But deliver us from evil; For Th kingdom, and the power, and the ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE: *The ordaining minister alone shall t*

faithful Evangelists, and continue steadfast against all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the end, that through our endeavors Thy name may be hallowed, Thy kingdom be extended, and Thy will be done on earth. May it please Thee to restrain and bring to naught all Thy enemies, who blaspheme Thy name, and hinder Thy kingdom; and wherever Thy servants preach and labor, do Thou bless their preaching, and prosper the work of their hands and hearts, to the praise of Thy most holy name, and to the salvation of souls, through Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end.

NOTE: *The congregation shall say:*

Amen.

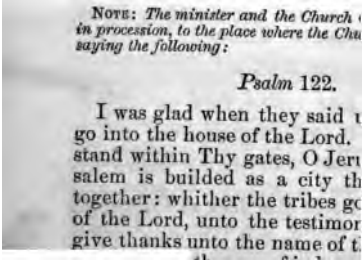
NOTE: *The persons ordained shall now arise.*

The ordaining minister shall then say to the persons ordained:

Go then, and feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. The Lord bless you from on high, and make you a blessing unto many, that you may bring forth fruit, and that your fruit *may* remain unto eternal life.

NOTE: The persons ordained shall say:
Amen.

X.—The Order for the laying of
of a Church.



NOTE: *The minister and the Church*
in procession, to the place where the Chu
saying the following:

Psalm 122.

I was glad when they said u
go into the house of the Lord.
stand within Thy gates, O Jeru
salem is builded as a city th
together: whither the tribes go
of the Lord, unto the testimon
give thanks unto the name of t

, that in all our doings we should look
o Almighty God, the Father of lights,
a whom cometh every good and perfect
, and beseech Him to direct us by His
d Spirit, and to prosper the work of our
nds with His most gracious help. Espe-
ally, therefore, when we are now assembled
commence a house which is to be set apart
His honor and service, and in which His
oly name is to be worshipped, His word to
e proclaimed, and His sacraments adminis-
tered, by the ministry whom He hath com-
missioned, let us humbly and devoutly sup-
plicate His assistance, protection, and bless-
ing.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTE. *Then shall the minister and congregation* say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallow
be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy
be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Giv

officiating minister ...
the articles to be placed in it and deposit them in
When the stone is set in order and closed the minis
say, with or without responses:

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation. Who made heaven and
M. Except the Lord build the house
C. They labor in vain that build it.

NOTE: *Then the minister striking the stone th*
with a hammer shall say:

In the name of the Father, and of t
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I lay the corner-stone of an edific
here erected, by the name of —— E
cal Lutheran Church, and to be de
the service of Almighty God, agre
the principles of the Evangelical L
Church in its doctrines, ministry,
rites, and usages.

... no man lay t

Then shall the minister and congregation say:

elieve in God the Father Almighty, er of heaven and earth, And in Jesus rist His only Son, our Lord; Who was nceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say, with or without responses:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Congregation. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

M. Praise ye the Lord.

C. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

NOTE: *Then shall be sung a hymn of praise, after which the minister shall say:*

Let us pray:

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a building *in which Thy holy* name is to be worshipped, and the messages of reconciliation are to be proclaimed, and the means of Thy grace and our salvation to be administered.

Providence every thing whic
to the building which is no
fear, and in dependence o
And grant that all who are
nected with this temple to
hands, may seek those infl
Holy Spirit by which thei
made temples holy unto The
for that city of the living
eternal in the heavens. Ha
Thee, the time when Thy
in itself, shall serve Thee in
and when all who profess
shall agree in the truth of
when all shall be united as
the blessed unity of that hol
Thy Son is the Head; and
in Thy Church on earth, wit

hee most hearty thanks that Thou hast
d us worthy to begin an edifice set
or Thy worship; and we beseech Thee
prosper our work by Thy power and
ess, that it may be completed as it is
egun under Thy favor and blessing,
at soon a devout and joyful congrega-
ay be assembled here. O Thou, who
e Protector of all that trust in Thee,
it whom nothing is strong, nothing is
increase and multiply upon us Thy
; that, Thou being our Ruler and
, we may so pass through things tem-
that we finally lose not the things
l. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for
Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

: *Then shall the minister say*

Benediction.

The Order for the Consecration of a Church.

: *The ministers and the Church Council going up of the Church to the altar, shall, with or without , repeat the following Introit alternately, the offi- minister one verse, and the others another.*

Introit.

ister. How amiable are Thy taberna-
) Lord of Hosts.
gregation. My soul longeth, yea fainteth
courts of the Lord: my heart and my
eth out for the living God. For a
hy courts is better than a thousand.
4.)

say the

Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to t
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is no
shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the officiating minister* without the response.

The Lord be with you.
Congregation. And with thy spi

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say:*

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God
ng of glory; and unto The

the throne of Thy majesty. Send down
Holy Spirit upon us, that we may lift
holy hands and pure hearts unto Thee.
Thy glory fill this house, and Thy good-
appear unto Thy servants. Hear our
yer, O Lord our God, who livest and
gnest for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the officiating minister say:*

Dearly Beloved: Mankind in all ages and
all places have common wants and enjoy
mmon blessings; it is therefore proper that
ey should unite with one another in the
orship of the Lord of Life and Giver of all
od. God has declared that such worship
acceptable to Him, and His people have
perienced that it is good to say to one an-
ther: O come, let us worship and bow
own: let us kneel before the Lord our
aker; for He is our God, and we are the
eople of His pasture, and the sheep of His
ld.

But for the performance of this sacred
uty, it is necessary, not only that special
asons, but also that particular places should
e appropriated. Holy men in all ages, have
eemed the erection of houses for the wor-
ip of God a good work. This work is espe-
ally sanctioned by the divine appointment
the tabernacle and temple under the old
spensation; the importance of frequenting
em is enforced by the example of Christ,
d the lessons of *His apostles;* and the con-
ration of them to the service of the Most
h, or the separation of them from worldly
common uses is desirable, that when we
together for religious purposes, no

1 Kings viii. 22- 61,
also what Paul says: (Read Eph. ii. --
and Heb. x. 19—29.)

NOTE: *Then shall the minister and congregation say*

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almight
Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jes
Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who w
conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of t
Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pil
Was crucified, dead, and buried; He
scended into hell; the third day he
again from the dead; He ascended
heaven, And sitteth on the right han
God the Father Almighty; From thenc
shall come to judge the quick and the
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The
Church, the communion of S
The Rezzer

ably for the Christian Church under the
ne of N. N. Evangelical Lutheran Church,
parating it henceforth from all unhallowed,
ordinary, and common uses. We do conse-
crate it, with its pulpit, its altar, (its baptis-
mal font) and all its parts to the honor of
Almighty God our heavenly Father; for the
offering up to Him of praise and thanksgiv-
ing, of prayer and intercession. We conse-
crate it to the preservation and furtherance
of the Gospel of His only-begotten Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Enlightener and Re-
deemer of the world, that in it the word of
the cross may be preached, according to the
Confessions of our Evangelical Lutheran
Church, His holy sacraments rightly admin-
istered to God's believing people, and His
religion handed down to the latest genera-
tions. We consecrate it to the gracious work
of the Holy Ghost, that in it, through His
influence the hearts of men may be enlight-
ened, sanctified, and sealed unto salvation,
and Christian unity, love, and happiness may
be promoted. And to these holy purposes
we set apart and consecrate this house, In the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost. Amen.

But, in as much as the consecration of the
temple erected by human hands is vain and
ineffectual, if not followed by another conse-
cration, even the consecration of those who
intend to worship therein, I call upon all of
you, who are here present, now to consecrate
yourselves anew with all you are and have
to the service of our God. To Him let our
souls be consecrated with all their powers
and affections, that they may be renewed
after the image of Him who hath created

them in righteousness and true holiness! To Him let our bodies be consecrated, that they may be the temples of the Holy Ghost, and all their members and senses be vessels and instruments sanctified unto God! To Him let our calling and station in life be consecrated, that we may faithfully employ them in doing good and glorifying our Father who is in heaven! To Him let our whole life be consecrated, that every day may bear witness, that we have not received His grace in vain, but that we are living to His glory.

Thus may the consecration of this house be accompanied by the consecration of ourselves. And let all the people say Amen.

And now, I beseech you, my Christian brethren, to accompany me with your prayers to the God of all grace, that He may grant His blessing to this good work.

Let us pray:

O Lord, Thou art worthy to receive glory and honor, for Thou hast created all things and by Thee they are constantly supported and upheld. Great and marvellous are Thy works Lord God Almighty! just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints. Who shall not fear Thee and glorify Thy name? For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. All nations shall come and worship before Thee, when the counsel of Thy love have been made known unto them.

The heavens, yea, the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee: yet adored be the name that Thou art inviting us to communion *with* Thyself, the everlasting Father *of light,* love, and joy.

Receive our thanks, O Father of mercies, for disposing Thy servants to erect this house for Thine honor, and the edification of immortal souls. Be pleased to accept the consecration of it to Thy service, to the religion of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, and to the operation of the Holy Spirit. Look down in mercy upon this sanctuary, to protect it from every danger; and upon all who shall assemble here from time to time, to gladden them with Thy blissful presence. Accomplish in their behalf, O Lord, Thy promise to dwell in the midst of them, that Thou mayest be their God, and that they may be Thy people. May they always enter Thy sanctuary with reverence, and never leave it without a blessing.

Grant, O Lord, that all who shall be dedicated to Thee in this house by the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, may grow in Thy fear and continue to be Thy true disciples; that all who shall here confirm the vows made at their baptism, may, by Thy Holy Spirit, fulfill the same, and grow in grace; that all who shall at this altar celebrate the atoning death of Christ, may be established in their faith and obtain remission of their sins; and that Thy word may at all times be preached here in its purity and power, received into honest and good hearts, and bring forth abundantly the fruits of righteousness and godliness.

Save now, O Lord, we beseech Thee; send now prosperity. Let Thy work appear to Thy servants, Thy glory to their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. And, being built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus

be Thy name; Thy kingdom c
will be done on earth, as it is
Give us this day our daily bread
give us our trespasses, as we fo
that trespass against us; And l
into temptation; But deliver us
For Thine is the kingdom, and
and the glory, for ever and ever.

NOTE: *Then shall a hymn be sung, during*
lection shall be taken. The Sermon shall the
After which the exercises shall close by singi
and the minister shall then pronounce the Ben

XII.—The Order for Opening of

NOTE: *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy*
suitable hymn shall be sung after which

romised, which Thy Son has purchased, hich Thy Holy Spirit conveys, and which ll those who earnestly beseech Thee for that race shall assuredly receive. We humble urselves before the throne of Thy grace in owliness of heart, and implore of Thee the ifts of Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth nd of wisdom, of power and of might, of love nd of concord. May He remove all self-sufficiency and all arrogance from us, the ministers of Thy church, and heralds of Thy gospel, and keep us from being led astray through selfishness and sinful desires. May He sanctify us through Thy truth. May He so reign and rule within us, that we, being filled with strength and courage, may continually seek after this one thing: to do Thy holy will, to glorify Thy Son, and to build up Thy kingdom. May He Himself make intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered, and direct us in all our deliberations and decisions to Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the President followed by the Members of Synod say:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The Third day he rose from *the dead; He* ascended into heaven, *and sitteth on the right* hand of God the *Father Almighty;* From thence He shall *ome to judge the* quick and the dead.

NOTE: *Then ...*
of Synod say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hall... be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE: *The President shall then say:*

Having, therefore, dear brethren, boldnes to enter into the holiest by the blood o Jesus, and having an high-priest over th house of God; let us draw near with a tr heart, in full assurance of faith, having ... sprinkled from an evil conscien ... hold fast the profession of ... for He is faith

The Lord be with us, that we may pr what is that good, and acceptable and per will of God.

NOTE: *The President and Members of Synod shall sa*

Amen.

XIII.—The Closing of Synod.

NOTE: *A hymn of praise shall be sung, after wh el President standing at the altar shall say:*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He good:

Members of Synod. And His mercy dureth for ever.

P. Let us pray. (*All kneeling.*)

Almighty and most merciful God, who the source of all light and of all truth, give thanks unto Thee, and laud Thy h name, that Thou hast graciously granted the assistance and comfort of Thy g Spirit, to the end that we might be preser from the blinding influences of error, wo ly-mindedness, and vanity. And we p that Thy Spirit may continue so to rule govern us, that strong in the power of fa and immovable in steadfastness of heart, may persevere in Thy work, and may alw be found as faithful laborers in Thy viney and as fearless confessors of Thy truth to day of the coming of Thy Son, our Lord Saviour *Jesus Christ.* Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the President say:*

I do now close this Synod in the nam *the Lord. And now,* dear brethren,

Maker of heaven and earth, ...
Christ his only Son, our Lord
conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Virgin Mary; Suffered under Po
was crucified, dead, and buri
scended into hell; The Third
from the dead; He ascended
and sitteth on the right hand
Father Almighty; From ther
come to judge the quick and the

I believe in the Holy Gho
Christian Church, The commun
The forgiveness of sins; The
of the body, And the life everl

NOTE: *Then shall the President and ... say:*

Our Father, who art in hea
Thy name; Thy kingdo

XIV.—Burial of the Dead.

At the house, or after the corpse is brought into the church, the minister standing before the altar shall say:

Job xiv. 10, 11, 12:—Man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: So man lieth down and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of sleep.

Job xix. 25, 26, 27:—I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

John's Gos. xi. 25, 26:—Jesus saith, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

NOTE: *Then shall be read the 39th Psalm, commencing at the 4th verse:*

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

Behold Thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth: and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether *vanity*.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: *surely they are disquieted* in vain: he heapeth up *riches* and knoweth not who shall *gather them.*

consumed by the ...

When Thou with rebukes dost correct ... for iniquity, Thou makest his beauty to c sume away like as a moth: surely every m is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give unto my cry: hold not Thy peace at tears: for I am a stranger with Thee an sojourner as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover my stren before I go hence and be no more.

Psalm xc.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-pla all generations.

Before the mountains were brought or ever thou hadst formed the earth an world, even from everlasting to everl

re are consumed by thine ange
y wrath are we troubled.
ou hast set our iniquities before
ecret sins in the light of thy c
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or all our days are passed away i
ath: we spend our years as a tale
ld.
The days of our years are threescore
and ten; and if by reason of strength tl
fourscore years, yet is their strength
and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and
away.
Who knoweth the power of thine
even according to thy fear, so is thy wr
So teach us to number our days, tl
may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Return, O Lord, how long? and let
pent thee concerning thy servants.
O satisfy us early with thy mercy; tl
may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad according to the days w
thou hast afflicted us, and the years w
we have seen evil.
Let thy work appear unto thy servan
thy glory unto their children.
And let the beauty of the Lord o
be upon us: and establish thou the w
our hands upon us; yea, the work
hands establish thou it.

NOTE: *After the reading of these Psalms, the* and congregation *standing, shall devoutly repeat th* Prayer.

Minister. Let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven; H
be *Thy name; Thy king*dom come; T
be *done on earth, as it is* in heaven;

1 Corinthians xv.

Now if Christ be preached that he
from the dead, how say some among you
there is no resurrection of the dead?

But if there be no resurrection of the
then is Christ not risen:

And if Christ be not risen, then is
preaching vain, and your faith is also va

Yea, and we are found false witnesse
God; because we have testified of God
he raised up Christ: whom he raised n
if so be that the dead rise not.

For if the dead rise not, then is not
raised:

And if Christ be not raised, your f
vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Then they also which are fallen as
...ished.

.n cometh the end, when he s
ered up the kingdom to God,
.ner; when he shall have put
.le and all authority and power.

For he must reign, till he hath pu
mies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be de
death.

For he hath put all things unde
But when he saith, all things are p
him, it is manifest that he is except
did put all things under him.

And when all things shall be sub
him, then shall the Son also himsel
ject unto him that put all things u
that God may be all in all.

Else what shall they do which are
for the dead, if the dead rise not at
are they then baptized for the dead

And why stand we in jeopar
hour?

I protest by your rejoicing whic
in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die dail

If after the manner of men I ha
with beasts at Ephesus, what adva
me, if the dead rise not? let us
drink; for to-morrow we die.

Be not deceived: evil communica
rupt good manners.

Awake to righteousness, and sin
some have not the knowledge of
speak this to your shame.

But some man will say, How are
raised up? *and with* what body
come?

Thou fool, that which thou sow
quickened, except it die:

And that which thou sowest, t

beasts, another of [illegible],
birds.

There are also celestial bodies, and bodi
terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial
one, and the glory of the terrestrial is a
other.

There is one glory of the sun, and anoth
glory of the moon, and another glory of t
stars: for one star differeth from another st
in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead.
is sown in corruption; it is raised in inc
ruption:

It is sown in dishonor; it is raised
glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raise
power:

It is sown a natural body; it is rais
spiritual body. There is a natural body
there is a spiritual body.

[illegible] written, The first man

, we shall also bear t
enly.

ow this I say, brethren
ood cannot inherit the ki
neither doth corruption inhe

Behold, I show you a my
not all sleep, but we shall all

In a moment, in the twin
at the last trump: for th
sound, and the dead shall
ruptible, and we shall be cha

For this corruptible must
tion, and this mortal must
tality.

So when this corruptible s
incorruption, and this mort
on immortality, then shall
pass the saying that is writte
lowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy s
where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin;
of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, whi
victory through our Lord Je

Therefore, my beloved l
steadfast, unmovable, alway
the work of the Lord, forasr
that your labor is not in vai

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say*,

no hast been the ...
ll generations. The Lord ...
earts rejoice, and let the God of our salva-
ion be for ever exalted. Under all the troubles of life, Thy mercy is our confidence and support. Even as a father pitieth his children, so Thou hast compassion upon the sons of men. Infinite wisdom and love direct all Thy dispensations. Behold Thy servants, O Lord, do with us whatsoever seemeth good in Thy sight. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen! Amen!

NOTE: *An appropriate hymn shall then be sung, (If a sermon is preached, it is followed by a hymn,) and the minister shall then say:*

Let us now accompany the remains of our departed brother, *sister, child,* to his last rest-

Lord God most holy, O Lord most
y, O holy and most merciful Saviour,
ver us not into the bitter pains of eternal
h.
hou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our
ts: shut not Thy merciful ears to our
ers: but spare us, Lord most holy, O
most mighty, O holy and merciful Sa-
ir, Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
:r us not, at our last hour, for any pains
eath to fall from Thee.

R. *Then shall the minister say:*

et us pray.

Eternal God, without whose direction and
vidence nothing can happen to us in life
death! out of the depths of affliction and
ow we lift up our souls unto Thee; for in
ee alone are our help and hope.
Teach us, O most gracious God, by the in-
ices of mortality which are before our
s, and particularly by the present mourn-
event, to see how short and uncertain our
de on earth is, and so to number our days
t we may apply our hearts unto wisdom
l seek the things which are above. Grant,
t we may labor with increasing zeal to
ome the true disciples of our blessed Sa-
ir; and, after believing in Him and obey-
Him here below, be united with Him at
r right hand, and with all whom we love,
with the virtuous and pious of all na-
s and tongues, praise Thee through end-
ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
en.

having pleased Almighty God, in His
Providence to take out of this world the
our deceased brother, *sister*, child; we

diction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Chri
love of God, our heavenly Father, a
communion and fellowship of the Holy
be with you now and evermore. Ame



PART II.

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\RCH THE SCRIPTURES.—JES



I.—Epistles.

The 1st Sunday in Advent.
The Gos.—Matt. xxi. 1-9.
The Epis.—Rom. xiii. 11-14.

The 2d Sunday in Advent.
Luke xxi. 25-36.
Rom. xv. 4-13.

The 3d Sunday in Advent.
Matt. xi. 2-10.
1 Cor. iv. 1-5.

The 4th Sunday in Advent.
John i. 19-28.
Philipp. iv. 4-7.

Christmas day.
Luke ii. 1-14.
Titus ii. 11-14.

Sunday after Christmas.
Luke ii. 33-40.
Gal. iv. 1-7.

New-year's day, or the Circumcision of Christ.
Luke ii. 21.
Gal. iii. 23-29.

Sunday after New-year.
Matt. ii. 13-23, *or*
Matt. iii. 13-17.
1 Peter iv. 12-19, *or*
Titus iii. 4-7.

Epiphany, or Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.
Matt. ii. 1-12.
Isaiah lx. 1-6, *or*
Ephes. iii. 1-12.

1st Sunday after Epiphany.
Luke ii. 41-52.
Rom. xii. 1-6.

2d Sunday after Epiphany.
John ii. 1-11.
Rom. xii. 6-16.

3d Sunday after Epiphany.
Matt. viii. 1-13.
Rom. xii. 17-21.

4th Sunday after Epiphany.
Matt. viii. 23-27.
Rom. xiii. 8-10.

5th Sunday after Epiphany.
Matt. xiii. 24-30.
Coloss. iii. 12-17.

6th Sunday after Epiphany.
Matt. xvii. 1-9.
2 Peter i. 16-21.

Septuagesima, or 3d Sunday before Lent.
Matt. xx. 1-16.
1 Cor. ix. 24-27.

Sexagesima, or 2d Sunday before Lent.
Luke viii. 4-15.
2 Cor. xi. 19-31.

Quinquagesima, or 1st Sunday before Lent.
Luke xviii. 31-43.
1 Cor. xiii.

The 1st Sunday in Lent.
Matt. iv. 1-11.
2 Cor. vi. 1-10.

The 2d Sunday in Lent.
Matt. xv. 21-28.
1 Thess. iv. 1-7.

The 3d Sunday in Lent.
Luke xi. 14-28.
Ephes. v. 1-13.

The 4th Sunday in Lent.
John vi. 1-15.
Gal. iv. 21-31.

Matt. xxvi. 36, to the end of Chap. xxvii., or Mark xiv. 32, to the end of Chap. xv., or Luke xxii. 39, to the end of Chap. xxiii., or John xviii. and xix.
Isaiah liii.

Easter.
Mark xvi. 1–8.
1 Cor. v. 6–8.

Easter Monday.
Luke xxiv. 13–35.
Acts x. 34–41.

1st *Sunday after Easter.*
John xx. 19–31.
1 John v. 4–10.

2d *Sunday after Easter.*
John x. 11–16.
1 Peter ii. 21–25.

3d *Sunday after Easter.*
John xvi. 16–23.
1 Peter ii. 11–20.

4th *Sunday after Easter.*

2d *Sunday after*
Luke xiv. 16
1 John iii. 1

3d *Sunday after*
Luke xv. 1–
1 Peter v. 6

4th *Sunday afte*
Luke vi. 3(
Rom. viii.

5th *Sunday aft*
Luke v. 1–
1 Peter iii

6th *Sunday af*
Matt. v. 2
Rom. vi.

7th *Sunday a*
Mark vii
Rom. vi.

8th *Sunday*
Matt. vi
Rom. v

9th *Sunday*

14th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Luke xvii. 11–19.
Gal. v. 16–24.

15th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. vi. 24–34.
Gal. v. 25, vi. 10.

16th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Luke vii. 11–17.
Ephes. iii. 13–21.

17th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Luke xiv. 1–11.
Ephes. iv. 1–6.

18th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. xxii. 34–46.
1 Cor. i. 4–9.

19th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. ix. 1–8.
Ephes. iv. 22–28.

20th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. xxii. 1–14.
Ephes. v. 15–21.

21st *Sunday after Trinity.*
John iv. 47–54.
Ephes. vi. 10–17.

22d *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. xviii. 23–35.
Philipp. i. 3–11.

23d *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. xxii. 15–22.
Philipp. iii. 17–21.

24th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. ix. 18–26.
Coloss. i. 9–14.

25th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. xxiv. 15–28.
1 Thess. iv. 13–18.

26th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. xxv. 31–46.
2 Peter iii. 3–14.

27th *Sunday after Trinity.*
Matt. xxiv. 36, xxv. 1–30.
1 Thess. v. 1–11.

Reformation.
Rev. xiv. 6–13.
Psalm xlvi.

II.—Penitential Psalms.

Psalm vi.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak; O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also *sore* vexed: but thou, O *Lord, how long?*

Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save *me for thy mercies' sake.*

For in death there is no remembrance of

waxeth old [illegible].

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm xxxii.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

[illegible] and night thy hand was

serve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm xxxviii.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

I *am feeble and sore* broken: I have roared *by reason of the disquiet*ness of my heart. *Lord, all my desire* is before thee: and my *groaning is not hid* from thee.

My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

Psalm li.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to *thy loving*-kindness: according unto the multitude *of* thy tender mercies blot out my *transgressions.*

me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
se me from my sin.
acknowledge my transgressions:
in is ever before me.
t thee, thee only, have I sinned,
e this evil in thy sight: that thou
be justified when thou speakest,
ear when thou judgest.
l, I was shapen in iniquity; and in
ıy mother conceive me.
l, thou desirest truth in the inward
nd in the hidden part thou shalt
to know wisdom.
me with hyssop, and I shall be
ash me, and I shall be whiter than

me to hear joy and gladness; that
s which thou hast broken may re-

thy face from my sins, and blot out
iniquities.
in me a clean heart, O God; and
right spirit within me.
ıe not away from thy presence; and
thy Holy Spirit from me.
e unto me the joy of thy salvation;
)ld me with thy free Spirit.
will I teach transgressors thy ways;
ers shall be converted unto thee.
r me from blood-guiltiness, O God,
d of my salvation: and my tongue
g aloud of thy righteousness.
l, open thou my lips; and my mouth
w forth thy *praise*.
ou desirest not sacrifice; else would
: *thou delightest* not in burnt-

fices of God are a broken spirit:

bullocks upon [illegible]

Psalm cii.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my c
come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the day wh
I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto m
in the day when I call answer me speedily

For my days are consumed like smo
and my bones are burned as a hearth.

My heart is smitten, and withered l
grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

By reason of the voice of my groaning
bones cleave to my skin.

I am like a pelican of the wilderne
am like an owl of the desert.

I watch, and am as a sparrow alone
the housetop.

[illegible] enemies reproach me all the

for the time to favor her, yea, the set
, is come.
or thy servants take pleasure in her
es, and favor the dust thereof.
the heathen shall fear the name of the
d, and all the kings of the earth thy
ory.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and *they shall be changed*:

But thou art the same, and thy years shall *have no end.*

The children of thy servants shall con-

attentive to the voice of my su
If thou, Lord, shouldest m
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness v
thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul
in his word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for the L
they that watch for the mo
more than they that watch for
Let Israel hope in the Lor
Lord there is mercy, and with
teous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israe
iniquities.

Psalm cxliii.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, g
plications: in thy faithfuln

all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

III.—The History of the Passion of our Lord and Saviour.

PART I

Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

If we let him thus alone, all men will be*lieve on him; and the* Romans shall come *and take away both* our place and nation.

being high priest that year,
that Jesus should die for that nation;

And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.[1]

And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,[2]

Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

And they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall

red: but Lazarus was one of them that
the table with him.[1]
d as he sat at meat, there came a woman
g an alabaster box of ointment of spike-
very precious; and she brake the box
poured it on his head.[2]
And anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped
s feet with her hair: and the house was
filled with the odor of the ointment.
Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,
Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?
This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.[3]
And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.
For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.
She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.
Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.[4]
On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.[5]
And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, *then sent Jesus* two disciples.

[1] *Jno. xii. 1, 2.* [2] *Mark xiv. 3-9* [3] Mark xiv. 3 [3] Jno. xii. 3-6 [5] Jno. xii. 1



which was spoken by the pro
Tell ye the daughter of S
King cometh unto thee, m
upon an ass, and a colt the fo
And the disciples went, a
commanded them,
And brought the ass, and t
on them their clothes, and
thereon.[1]
The people therefore that
when he called Lazarus out o
raised him from the dead, ba
And many spread their g
way; and others cut down b
trees, and strewed them in th
And the multitudes that w
that followed, cried, saying, I
Son of David: Blessed is he th
name of the Lord; Hosanna i

Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.[1]

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.[2]

And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,

And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?[3]

And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer

[1] *Luke xix. 39–44.* [2] Matt. xxi. 10–13.
[3] *Luke xx. 1, 2.*

me, and I will tell you by
do these things.[1]

The baptism of John, w
or of men?

And they reasoned wit
ing, If we shall say, Fro
say, Why then believed ye

But and if we say, Of n
will stone us; for they
John was a prophet.[2]

And they answered Je
cannot tell. And he said
tell I you by what autl
things.[3]

Hear another parable: T
householder, which plante
hedged it round about, a
press in it, and built a to
to husbandmen, and went

And when the time of t
he sent his servants (ser
bandmen,[5] that they shou
fruit of the vineyard: bu
beat him, and sent him aw

And again he sent unto
vant; and at him they
wounded him in the head,
shamefully handled.

And again he sent anot
killed, and many others;
killing some.

Having yet therefore
beloved, he sent him al
saying, They will reveren

[1] *Mark* xi. 29.
[2] *Matt.* xxi. 27.
[3] *Matt.* xxi. 33, 34.
[4] **Mark xii. 4–6.**

But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto those husbandmen?[1]

They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.[2]

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.[3]

And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his *parables*, they perceived that he *spake of them*.

[1] *Luke xx. 14, 15.* [2] Matt. xxi. 40–44.
[3] *Matt. xxiii. 37–39.*

But when they sought to lay hands on l
they feared the multitude, because they
him for a prophet,[1] and they left him,
went their way.[2]

PART II.

Then came the day of unleavened br
when the passover must be killed.

And he sent Peter and John, saying
and prepare us the passover, that we
eat.

And they said unto him, Where wilt
that we prepare?

And he said unto them, Behold, whe
are entered into the city, there shall a
meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; fo
him into the house where he entereth in.

And ye shall say unto the good man o
house, The Master saith unto thee,[3]

My time is at hand; I will keep the
over at thy house with my disciples.[4]

And he shall show you a large upper r
furnished: there make ready.[5]

And his disciples went forth, and c
into the city, and found as he had said
them: and they made ready the passove

And in the evening he sat down with
twelve.[7]

And he said unto them, With desire I
desired to eat this passover with you be
I suffer:

For I say unto you, I will not any r

[1] *Matt. xxi. 45, 46*
[2] *Luke xxii. 7–11*
[3] *Luke xxii. 12.*
[4] Matt. xxvi. 1
[5] Mark xiv. 12
[7] *Matt. xxvi. 20.*

eof, until it be fulfilled in the king-
God.

he took the cup, and gave thanks, and
Take this, and divide it among your-
es:

For I say unto you, I will not drink of the
uit of the vine,[1] until that day when I drink
t new with you in my Father's kingdom.[2]

And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.[3]

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all *things into his hands*, and that he was *come from God, and* went to God;

[1] *Luke xxii. 15–18.* [2] *Matt. xxvi. 29.* [3] Luke xxii. 24–30.

He riseth from supper, and laid as
garments; and took a towel, and girde
self.

After that he poureth water into a
and began to wash the disciples' feet,
wipe them with the towel wherewith
girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter: an
saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wa
feet?

Jesus answered and said unto him
I do thou knowest not now; but tho
know hereafter.

Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt
wash my feet. Jesus answered him
wash thee not, thou hast no part with

Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord,
feet only, but also my hands and my h

Jesus saith to him, He that is
needeth not save to wash his feet, but i
every whit: and ye are clean, but not

For he knew who should betray
therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

So after he had washed their feet, a
taken his garments, and was set down
he said unto them, Know ye what
done to you?

Ye call me Master and Lord: and
well; for so I am.

If I then, your Lord and Master
washed your feet; ye also ought to wa
another's feet.

For I have given you an example, t
should do as I have done to you.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, T
rant is not greater than his lord;
he that is sent greater than he
him.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.[1]

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.[2]

Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said,[3]

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

He then, having received the sop, went immediately out; and it was night.[4]

And *the Lord said,* Simon, Simon, behold,

[1] *Jno. xiii. 2–17.*
[2] Jno. xiii. 21, 22.
[3] *Matt. xxvi. 25.*
[4] Jno. xiii. 23–30.

shall not crow this day, before that th
thrice deny that thou knowest me.[1]

And as they did eat, Jesus took bre
blessed, and brake it, and gave to[2]
ciples, and said, Take, eat: this is m
which is given for you: this do in
brance of me.[4]

After the same manner also he t
cup, when he had supped,[5] and gave
and gave it to them, saying, Drink y
it:[6] This cup is the New Testament
blood,[7] which is shed for you:[8] and f
for the remission of sins,[9] this do ye,
you drink it, in remembrance of m
they all drank of it.[11]

And when they had sung a hyn
went out into the Mount of Olives.[12]

[redacted]s thou hast given him power over all
h, that he should give eternal life to as
ny as thou hast given him.
And this is life eternal, that they might
ow thee the only true God, and Jesus
ist, whom thou hast sent.
I have glorified thee on the earth: I have
shed the work which thou gavest me
lo.
And now, O Father, glorify thou me with
ne own self with the glory which I had
h thee before the world was.
I have manifested thy name unto the men
ch thou gavest me out of the world: thine
y were, and thou gavest them me; and
y have kept thy word.
Now they have known that all things
atsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
For I have given unto them the words
ch thou gavest me; and they have re-
ved them, and have known surely that I
ne out from thee, and they have believed
t thou didst send me.
I pray for them: I pray not for the world,
for them which thou hast given me; for
y are thine.
And all mine are thine, and thine are
ne; and I am glorified in them.
And now I am no more in the world, but
se are in the world, and I come to thee.
ly Father, keep through thine own name
se whom thou hast given me, that they
y be one, as we are.
While I was with them in the world, I
pt *them in thy name:* those that thou
st me I have kept, and none of them is
but the son of perdition; that the Scrip-
ight be fulfilled.



them from the evil.

They are not of the world, e
not of the world.

Sanctify them through thy tru
is truth.

As thou hast sent me into the
so have I also sent them into th

And for their sakes I sanctify
they also might be sanctified
truth.

Neither pray I for these al
them also which shall believe o
their word;

That they all may be one; as
art in me, and I in thee, that t
be one in us: that the world ma
thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou
have given them; that they

thee: but I have known thee, and
ave known that thou hast sent me.
I have declared unto them thy name,
ill declare it; that the love wherewith
ast loved me may be in them, and I in

en Jesus had spoken these words, he
orth with his disciples over the brook
, where was a garden,[2] which was
Gethsemane:[3] into which he entered,[4]
ith unto the disciples, Sit ye here,
I go and pray yonder.
he took with him Peter and the two
f Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful
ry heavy.
n saith he unto them, My soul is ex-
g sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye
nd watch with me.[5]
he was withdrawn from them about a
cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.[6]
he went a little further, and fell on
e, and prayed, saying, O my Father,
e possible, let this cup pass from me:
heless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.
he cometh unto the disciples, and
them asleep, and saith unto Peter,
could ye not watch with me one hour?
ch and pray, that ye enter not into
tion: the spirit indeed is willing, but
sh is weak.
went away again the second time, and
, saying, O my Father, if this cup
ot pass away from me, except I drink
will be done.

a. xvii.
rk xiv. 32.
t xxvi. 36–38.

[2] John. xviii. 1.
[4] John. xviii. 1.
[6] Luke xxii. 41.

from me: nevertheless,
thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto
from heaven, strengthening him.

And being in an agony he prayed m
earnestly: and his sweat was as it were g
drops of blood falling down to the ground

And when he rose up from prayer,
was come to his disciples, he found t
sleeping for sorrow,

And said unto them, Why sleep ye?
and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

Sleep on now, and take your rest: be
the hour is at hand, and the Son of m
betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Rise, let us be going: behold, he
hand that doth betray me.

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas,
the twelve, came, and with him a grea
and staves, from th

Jesus of Nazareth.
I am he. And Judas
im, stood with them.
had said unto them, I
kward, and fell to the

iem again, Whom seek
esus of Nazareth.
have told you that I am
seek me, let these go

might be fulfilled, which
which thou gavest me

ie came to Jesus, and said,
kissed him.[2]
unto him, Judas, betrayest
an with a kiss?
iich were about him saw
, they said unto him, Lord,
th the sword?
m smote the servant of the
ut off his right ear.[3] The
is Malchus.[4]
wered and said, Suffer ye
touched his ear, and healed

is unto him, Put up again
is place: for all they that
all perish with the sword.
that I cannot now pray to
ie shall presently give me
legions of angels?
shall the Scriptures be ful-
must be?

[2] Matt. xxvi. 49.
[4] Jno. xviii. 10.

the disciples forsook him, and fled.

And they that had laid hold on him away to Caiaphas the high pri the scribes and the elders were asse

But Peter followed him afar off high priest's palace, and went in with the servants, to see the end.[3]

PART IV.

Then the band and the captain a of the Jews took Jesus, and bound

And led him away to Annas fir was father-in-law to Caiaphas, whic high priest that same year.

Now Caiaphas was he, which ga to the Jews, that it was expedient man should die for the people.

e temple, whither the Jews always re-
and in secret have I said nothing.
hy askest thou me? ask them which
l me, what I have said unto them: be-
they know what I said.
ıd when he had thus spoken, one of the
rs which stood by struck Jesus with the
of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the
priest so?
sus answered him, If I have spoken evil,
witness of the evil: but if well, why
st thou me?
w Annas had sent him bound unto
phas the high priest,[1] where all the chief
ts and the[2] scribes and the elders were
nbled.[3]
ıd Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so
nother disciple. That disciple was known
the high priest, and went in with Jesus
the palace of the high priest.[4]
w the chief priests, and elders, and all
council, sought false witness against
, to put him to death; but found
.[5]
r many bare false witness against him,
heir witness agreed not together.[6]
a, though many false witnesses came,
ound they none. At the last came two
witnesses,
ıd said, This fellow said, I am able to
oy the temple of God, and to build it in
days.[7]
ıd the high priest stood up in the midst,

[1] *Jno. xviii. 19–24.*
[2] *Matt. xxvi. 57.*
[3] *Matt. xxvi. 59, 60.*
[4] *Matt. xxvi. 60, 61.*
[5] Mark xiv. 53.
[6] Jno. xviii. 15.
[7] Mark xiv. 56.

priest answered, and said unto him, thee by the living God that thou whether thou be the Christ, the Son

Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast am;[2] nevertheless I say unto you, H shall ye see the Son of man sitting right hand of power, and coming clouds of heaven.

Then the high priest rent his clot ing, He hath spoken blasphemy; w ther need have we of witnesses? beh ye have heard his blasphemy.

What think ye? They answered a He is guilty of death.

Then did they spit in his face, and him; and others smote him with th of their hands,

Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Who is he that smote thee?[3]

palace, and went in, and sat with
to see the end.[1]
ervants and officers stood there,
le a fire of coals, for it was cold;
armed themselves: and Peter
em, and warmed himself.[2]
mself came unto him, saying
st with Jesus of Galilee.[3]
nied before them all,[4] saying, I
either understand I what thou
he went out into the porch;
crew.[5]
the space of one hour after an-
ntly affirmed, saying, Of a truth
lso was with him; for he is a

e servants of the high priest,
nsman whose ear Peter cut off,
t I see thee in the garden with

a while came unto him they that
l said to Peter, Surely thou also
hem; for thy speech bewrayeth

n he to curse and to swear, say-
ot the man,[8] of whom you speak.[9]
t what thou sayest, And immie-
e he yet spake, the cock crew.[10]
r called to mind the word that
nto him, Before the cock crow
halt deny me thrice.[11]
went out, and wept bitterly.[12]

vi. 58.
vi. 69.
68.
26.
71.
72.

[2] Jno. xviii. 18.
[4] Matt. xxvi. 70.
[6] Luke xxii. 59.
[8] Matt. xxvi. 73, 74.
[10] Luke xxii. 60.
[12] Luke xxii. 62.



defiled, but that they might e
over.[6]

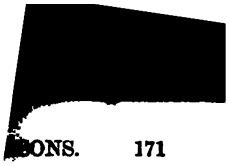
Then Judas, which had bet
when he saw that he was con
pented himself, and brought aga
pieces of silver to the chief
elders,

Saying, I have sinned in tha
trayed the innocent blood. An
What is that to us? see thou to t

And he cast down the pieces
the temple, and departed, and
hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the
and said, It is not lawful for to p
the treasury, because it is the pri

And they took counsel, and
them the potter's field, to bury s



otter's field, as the

nto them, and said,
e against this man?
id unto him, If he
we would not have
hee.
them, Take ye him,
ıg to your law. The
to him, It is not law-
an to death:
esus might be fulfilled,
ıifying what death he

accuse him, saying, We
verting the nation, and
ribute to Cæsar, saying
rist a king.[3]
l into the judgment hall
ıus, and said unto him,
the Jews?
ı, Sayest thou this thing
rs tell it thee of me?
Am I a Jew? Thine
chief priests, have de-
ne. What hast thou

y kingdom is not of this
ɔm were of this world,
nts fight, that I should
e Jews: but now is my
ıce.

[2] Jno. xviii. 29–32.

And when he had [illegible]
again unto the Jews, and saith unto u
find in him no fault at all.[1]

And when he was accused of the
priests and elders, he answered nothin

Then said Pilate unto him, Heares
not how many things they witness a
thee?

And he answered him to never a
insomuch that the governor ma
greatly.[2]

And they were the more fierce, say
stirreth up the people, teaching thr
all Jewry, beginning from Galilee
place.[3]

When Pilate heard of Galilee, l
whether the man were a Galilean.

And as soon as he knew that he
unto Herod's jurisdiction he sent
[illegible] also was at Jer

[redacted]; for before they were
[redacted]een themselves.
[redacted], when he had called together
[redacted]riests, and the rulers, and the

to them, Ye have brought this man
as one that perverteth the people:
d, I, having examined him before
found no fault in this man touch-
things whereof ye accuse him;
yet Herod: for I sent you to him;
thing worthy of death is done unto

herefore chastise him, and release

that feast the governor was wont
unto the people a prisoner, whom
d.
ey had then a notable prisoner,

thou nothing to do with that just
have suffered many things this
dream because of him.[3]

But the chief priests moved
that he should rather release Ba
them.

And Pilate answered and said
them, What will ye then that
unto him whom ye call the K
Jews?[4]

But they cried, saying, Crucif
cify him.

And he said unto them the
Why, what evil hath he done? I
no cause of death in him: I wi
chastise him, and let him go.[5]

And they cried out the more e
Crucify him.[6]

And they were instant with l

a; and they call toge-

him, and put on him a

had platted a crown of
ıpon his head, and a reed
and they bowed the knee
ocked him, saying, Hail,
and they smote him with

went forth again, and saith
l, I bring him forth to you,
)w that I find no fault in

ıus forth, wearing the crown
ıe purple robe. And Pilate
Behold the man.
ef priests therefore and offi-
ey cried out, saying, Crucify
m. Pilate saith unto them,
ıd crucify him: for I find no

swered him, We have a law,
he ought to die, because he
.e Son of God.
therefore heard that saying,
afraid;
ain into the judgment hall,
esus, Whence art thou? But
no answer.
late unto him, Speakest thou
nowest thou not that I have
thee, and have power to re-

ed, *Thou* couldest have n
nst me, except it were giv

[1] Matt. xxvii. 28, 29.

he brought Jesus forth, and sa
judgment seat in a place that
Pavement, but in the Hebrew,
And it was the preparation o
and about the sixth hour: and
the Jews, Behold your King!
But they cried out, Away w
with him, crucify him. Pila
them, Shall I crucify your Kin
priests answered, We have
Cæsar.[1]
When Pilate saw that he
nothing, but that rather a tu
he took water, and washed h
the multitude, saying, I am
blood of this just person; see
Then answered all the p
His blood be on us, and on o
released he Barabl

that they had mocked him they
e off from him, and put his own
him, and led him away to crucify

e were also two others, malefac-
h him to be put to death.[2]
earing his cross went forth:[3]
ey came out they found a man of
ion by name;[4] coming out of the
l on him they laid the cross, that
ar it after Jesus.
e followed him a great company
nd of women, which also bewailed
ed him.
turning unto them said, Daugh-
salem, weep not for me, but weep
es, and for your children.
ld, the days are coming, in the
shall say, Blessed are the barren,
nbs that never bare, and the paps
r gave suck.
ll they begin to say to the moun-
n us; and to the hills, Cover us.
y do these things in a green tree,
e done in the dry?[5]
n they were come unto a place
otha, that is to say, a place of a
gave him to drink wine mingled
: but he received it not.[7]
l Jesus, Father, forgive them; for
not what they do.[8]
is the third hour, and they cruci-

xvii. 27–31.
. 17.
iii. 26–31.
23.
25.

[2] Luke xxiii. 32.
[4] Matt. xxvii. 32.
[6] Matt. xxvii. 33.
[8] Luke xxiii. 34.

brew, and Greek, and Latin.

Then said the chief priests of t
Pilate, Write not, The King of
but that he said, I am King of the

Pilate answered, What I hav
have written.

Then the soldiers, when they h
Jesus, took his garments, and
parts, to every soldier a part; a
coat: now the coat was without s
from the top throughout.

They said therefore among
Let us not rend it, but cast lots
it shall be: that the Scripture m
filled, which saith, They parted
among them, and for my vestu
cast lots. These things theref
diers did.[1]

And sitting down they w



saying, Ah, thou
, and buildest it in
If thou be the Son
from the cross.
the chief priests mocking
ribes and elders, said,
ers; himself he cannot save.
ng of Israel, let him now come
ross, and we will believe him.
n God; let him deliver him
have him: for he said, I am

also, which were crucified
the same in his teeth.[8]
the malefactors which were
on him, saying, If thou be
self and us.
er answering rebuked him,
ot thou fear God, seeing thou
condemnation?
ed justly; for we receive the
our deeds: but this man hath
miss.
unto Jesus, Lord, remember
comest into thy kingdom.
said unto him, Verily I say
day shalt thou be with me in

7.
-44.

[8] Matt. xxvii. 39.

And it was about the sixth hour, and th
was a darkness over all the earth until
ninth hour.

And the sun was darkened, and the v
of the temple was rent in the midst.[1]

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried w
a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama saba
thani? that is to say, My God, my God, w
hast thou forsaken me?[2]

And some of them that stood by, wl
they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Eli

After this, Jesus knowing that all thi
were now accomplished, that the script
might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

Now there was set a vessel full of vi
gar;[4]

And straightway one of them ran, and t
a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and
it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

The rest said, Let be, let us see wh
Elias will come to save him.[5]

When Jesus therefore had receive
vinegar, he said, It is finished: and[6]
with a loud voice, Father, into thy h
commend my spirit: and having said
he bowed his head and gave up the gh

And, behold, the vail of the tem
rent in twain from the top to the
and the earth did quake, and the ro

And the graves were opened; a
bodies of the saints which slept aros

And came out of the graves after
rection, and went into the holy
appeared unto many.

[1] Luke xxiii. 39–45 [2] Matt.
[3] Mark xv. 35. [4] Jno.
[5] Matt. xxvii. 48, 49. [6] Jno
[7] Luke xxiii. 46. [8] Jn

[redacted] the Son of God.[1]
[redacted] that came together to
[redacted]ng the things which were
[redacted]r breasts, and returned.[2]

PART VII.

his acquaintance, and the women
ed him from Galilee, stood afar
ing these things.[3]
which was Mary Magdalene, and
mother of James the Less,[4] and
Salome,[5] the mother of Zebedee's

o, when he was in Galilee, fol-
, and ministered unto him; and
r women which came up with him
alem.[6]
vs therefore, because it was the
, that the bodies should not re-
the cross on the sabbath day, (for
th day was a high day,) besought
their legs might be broken, and
night be taken away.
me the soldiers, and brake the legs
, and of the other which was cru-
him.

xxvii. 51–54.
xxiii. 47.
xiii. 48.
v. 40.
xvii. 56.

[1] Mark xv. 39.
[2] Mark xv. 39.
[3] Luke xxiii. 49.
[4] Mark xv. 40.
[5] Mark xv. 41.

But when they came to Jesus, and saw
he was dead already, they brake not his
But one of the soldiers with a spear pi
his side, and forthwith came there out
and water.

And he that saw it bare record, and h
cord is true; and he knoweth that he
true, that ye might believe.

For these things were done, that the S
ture should be fulfilled, A bone of him
not be broken.

And again another Scripture saith,
shall look on him whom they pierced.[1]

When the even was come, there ca
rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph
honorable counsellor, which also waite
the kingdom of God; and he was a good
and a just:

(The same had not consented to the
sel and deed of them:)[3] being a discip
Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews,[4]
and went in boldly unto Pilate, and c
the body of Jesus.[5]

And Pilate marvelled if he were al
dead: and calling unto him the centu
he asked him whether he had been any
dead.

And when he knew it of the centuric
gave the body to Joseph.

And he bought fine linen.[6]

And there came also Nicodemus, (
at the first came to Jesus by night,)
brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes,
a hundred pound weight.

[1] Jno. xix. 31–37.
[2] Matt. xxvii. 57
[3] Luke xxiii. 50, 51.
[4] Jno. xix. 38.
[5] Mark xv. 43.
[6] Mark xv. 42–

they the body of Jesus, and
linen clothes with the spices,
r of the Jews is to bury.
e place where he was crucified
garden; and in the garden a new
which he had hewn out in the
in never man before was laid.[3]
d they Jesus therefore because
preparation day; for the sepul-
h at hand.[4]
lled a great stone to the door of
e, and departed.
e was Mary Magdalene, and the
sitting over against the sepul-

women also, which came with
Galilee, followed after, and be-
pulchre, and how his body was

returned and prepared spices
its; and rested the sabbath day
the commandment.[5]
next day that followed the day
paration, the chief priests and
me together unto Pilate,
ir, we remember that that de-
while he was yet alive, After
will rise again.
therefore that the sepulchre be
until the third day, lest his dis-
by night, and steal him away,
o the people, He is risen from
o the last error shall be worse
t.

39–41.
l. 53.
l. 60, 61.

[3] Matt. xxvii. 60.
[4] Jno. xix. 42.
[5] Luke xxiii. 55, 56.

ART III.

SIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL ITHERAN CHURCH.

halt confess with thy mouth the and shalt believe in thine heart th raised him from the dead, thou ed."—PAUL.



CONFESSIONS.

I.—The Apostolic Confession.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

II.—The Nicene Confession.

I believe in one God only, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten *Son of God, begotten* of His Father, *before all worlds; God* of God, Light of *light, very God of very* God, begotten, not *made, consubstantial with* the Father, by

whom all things were made; who f
men, and for our salvation, came down
heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy
of the Virgin Mary, and was made ma
was crucified also for us under Pontius I
He suffered and was buried, and the
day He rose again, according to the
tures, ascended into heaven, and sits
right hand of the Father; and He shall
again, with glory, to judge both the
and the dead; whose kingdom shall
no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the
and Giver of life, who proceeds fro
Father and the Son; who with the F
and the Son, is worshipped and glo
who spoke by the prophets. And I b
in one holy Christian Apostolic Chur
acknowledge one baptism for the rem
of sins; and I look for the resurrection
dead, and life in the world to come. A

III.—The Athanasian Confession.

Whosoever will be saved, before all t
it is necessary that he hold the true Ch
faith.

Which faith except every one do
whole and undefiled, without doubt he
perish everlastingly.

But this is the true Christian faith:
we worship one God only in Trinity
Trinity in Unity.

Neither confounding the perso
dividing the essence.

is one person of the Father, an-
he Son, and another of the Holy

Godhead of the Father, of the Son,
Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory
Majesty co-eternal.
the Father is, such is the Son, and
Holy Ghost.
ther is uncreated, the Son un-
e Holy Ghost uncreated.
ther is incomprehensible, the Son
ensible, and the Holy Ghost in-
isible.
her is eternal, the Son eternal, the
st eternal.
t there are not three eternals, but
l.
there are not three uncreated
r three incomprehensible Beings:
created, and one incomprehensible.
wise the Father is Almighty, the
ghty, and the Holy Ghost Al-

there is not three Almighties, but
hty.
Father is God, the Son is God, and
Ghost is God.
there are not three Gods, but one

wise the Father is Lord, the Son is
the Holy Ghost Lord.
there are not three Lords, but one

we, *according to* Christian truth,
owledge every person by itself to
Lord, so we are forbidden by the
eligion to say, there are three
ee Lords.

glorious,

So there is one Father, ...
one Son, not three Sons; one Holy
not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore,
the other; none is greater, or less t
other;

But the whole three persons are c
together, and co-equal.

So that in all things as aforesaid, t
in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity
worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved,
think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to e
salvation, to believe rightly also
carnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is, that we b
confess that our Lord Jesus Chri
of God, is God and MAN.

... of the Fathe

gether; not by confusion of sub-
by Unity of Person.
he reasonable soul and flesh is one
od and man is one Christ;
ffered for our salvation, descended
and rose again the third day from
He ascended into heaven, he sits
ght hand of the Father, God Al-
whence He shall come to judge the
d the dead. At whose coming all
l rise again with their bodies, and
an account for their works.
ey that have done good shall go
verlasting, and they that have done
everlasting fire.
the true Christian faith; which,
man believe faithfully, he cannot

Unaltered Augsburg Confession; or Con-
f the Faith of Several Princes and Estates,
to his Imperial Majesty, Charles V, at
of Augsburg, A. D. 1530.

CLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE.

ARTICLE I.—*Of God.*

urches unanimously hold and teach,
to the Decree of the Council of
t there *is only one* Divine Essence,
called, and truly is, God; but that
three persons in this one Divine
ually powerful, equally eternal—
her, God the Son, God the Holy

Ghost—who are one Divine Essence, eternal, incorporeal, indivisible, infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness, the Creator and Preserver of all things visible and invisible. And the word *person* is not intended to express a part or quality of another, but that which subsists of itself, precisely as the Fathers have employed this term on this subject.

Every heresy opposed to this Article is therefore condemned: as that of the Manichæans, who assume two principles, the one good, the other evil. Likewise the heresies of the Valentinians, Arians, Eunomians, Mahometans, and the like; also that of the ancient and modern Samosatenians, who admit but one person, and sophistically explain away these two—the Word and the Holy Spirit—asserting, that they must not be viewed as distinct persons, but that the Word signifies the oral word or voice, and that the Holy Ghost is the principle of motion in things.

Article II.—*Of Original Sin.*

We teach, that since the fall of Adam all men who are naturally engendered, are conceived and born in sin; that is, that they all are from their mother's womb full of evil desires and propensities, and can have by nature no true fear of God, no true faith in God; and that this innate disease, or original sin, is truly sin, which brings all those *under* the eternal wrath of God, who are not *born again* by Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

Hence, we condemn the Pelagians and others, who deny that original corruption

they assert, to the disparage-
serits and sufferings of Christ,
s the result of our natural

E III.—*Of the Son of God.*

t likewise, that God the Son
and was born of the blessed
; and that the two natures, hu-
ine, inseparably united in one
ie Christ, who is true God and
really born, who truly suffered,
died, and was buried, that he
sacrifice, not only for original
for all other sins, and might
'rath of God.
iat this same Christ descended
l truly arose from the dead on
ascended to heaven, and sits at
id of God, that He may per-
1 over all creatures, and govern
gh the Holy Spirit sanctify,
then, and console all those who
m, and give unto them life and
and blessings, and protect and
against the devil and the power

finally this same Christ will re-
to judge the living and the
ording to the Apostles' Creed.

LE IV.—*Of Justificatiu n.*

t further, that we cannot obtain
and the forgiveness of sin be-
our own merits, works, and
that we obtain the remission

of sins, and are justified before God, by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, if we believe that Christ suffered for us, and that for His sake our sins are remitted unto us, and righteousness and eternal life are bestowed on us. For, God regards this faith and imputes it as righteousness in his sight, as Paul says, Rom. chap. 3 and 4.

Article V.—*Of the Ministry.*

For the purpose of obtaining this faith, God has instituted the ministry, and given the Gospel and the Sacraments, through which, as means, he imparts the Holy Spirit, who in his own time and place, works faith in those that hear the Gospel, which teaches that through the merits of Christ, and not through our own merits, we have a merciful God, if we believe these things.

By this are condemned the Anabaptists and others, who teach that we receive the Holy Spirit in consequence of our own preparation, our thoughts and works, without the external word of the Gospel.

Article VI.—*Of New Obedience.*

It is also taught, that such faith must bring forth good fruits and good works, and that we must do all manner of good works, because of God's requirement and command; yet we must not put any confidence in these works, as meriting favor in the sight of God: *for we* receive forgiveness of sins and justification through faith in Christ, as Christ Himself says, Luke xvii. 10: "When ye shall have done all those things, say, we are



FESSIONS.

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mbrose says: "Thus it
of God, that whosoever
shall be saved; not throu
out merit through faith alc
ess of sins."

VII.—*Of the Church.*

ikewise, that one holy Ch
all ever continue to ex
ongregation of all believ
ne Gospel is preached in
holy sacraments are admi
to the Gospel. For this
e true unity of the Christ
e Gospel is preached ther
s pure intent and meani
craments are administered
the Word of God. And
of the Christian Church i
at uniform ceremonies, in
should be everywhere
aul says, Ephes. iv. 4,
body, and one spirit, ever
n one hope of your calli
aith, one baptism."

III.—*What the Church is.*

hough the Christian Chu
hing else than the congr
vers and saints, yet, as in
many hypocrites and
n sinners remaining
s—*the* sacraments, neve
l, even if the preach
administered be not

as Christ himself says, Matt. xxiii. Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' s

On this account the Donatists demned, and all such as teach co this Article.

ARTICLE IX.—*Of Baptism.*

Respecting Baptism, it is taught necessary; that grace is offered th and that children ought to be bapt through such baptism are presente and become acceptable to him.

Therefore the Anabaptists are co who teach that Infant Baptism is in

ARTICLE X.—*Of the Lord's Su*

Concerning the Holy Supper of it is taught that the true body an Christ are truly present, under th bread and wine, in the Lord's S are there administered and rece opposite doctrine is therefore reje

ARTICLE XI.—*Of Confes*

In reference to Confession, it i private absolution ought to be the church, and should not be in confession, however, it is u enumerate all transgressions an indeed is not possible. Psalm x can understand his errors?"

ARTICLE XII.—Of Re

Concerning Repentance, those who have sinned afte

as obtain forgiveness of their sins if pent; and that the church should not to grant absolution unto them. Genud true repentance properly consists in tion and sorrow, or terror on account ; besides, it consists in faith in the el or absolution—namely, that sins are ven and grace is obtained through Christ faith which consoles and imparts peace e heart.

fterwards amendment of conduct also ld follow, and abstinence from sin; for se should be the fruits of repentance, as n says, Matt. iii. 8; "Bring forth fruits et for repentance."

Here are condemned such as teach that ose who have once been justified can never ll.

On the other hand, the Novatians also are re condemned, who refused absolution to ose who had sinned after baptism.

Those in like manner are condemned who ch that forgiveness of sin is obtained, not rough faith, but through our own merits.

RTICLE XIII.—*Of the Use of the Sacraments.*

Concerning the use of the Sacraments, it is ught that the sacraments have been instituted, not only as tokens by which Christians ay be known externally, but as signs and vidences of the Divine will towards us, for he purpose of exciting and strengthening ur faith; hence *they also* require faith, and *hey are properly used* then only when re *ved in faith, and when* faith is strengthen *them.*

ARTICLE XIV.—*Of Church Government.*

Concerning Church Government, it is taught that no one should teach or preach publicly in the church, or administer the sacraments, without a regular call.

ARTICLE XV.—*Of Church Rites and Ordinances.*

Concerning Ecclesiastical Rites instituted by men, it is taught that those should be observed which can be so observed without sin, and which promote peace and good order in the church, as certain holidays, festivals, and the like. Respecting these, however, our instruction is designed to release the consciences of men from the idea that such observances are essential to salvation. It is taught on this point that all ordinances and traditions of men, for the purpose of reconciling God and meriting grace, are contrary to the Gospel and the doctrine of faith in Christ; wherefore, monastic vows, and traditions concerning the difference of meats, days, &c., intended for the purpose of meriting grace and making satisfaction for sins, are impotent and contrary to the Gospel.

ARTICLE XVI.—*Of Civil Polity and Government.*

Concerning Civil Polity and Government, *it is taught* that all authority in the world, *established* governments and laws, are good *and divine*; that Christians may hold either *legislative*, judicial, or executive offices *without* sin; and may decide cases, p

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even now, that prior to the resurrectic
the dead the holy and pious alone
occupy a temporal kingdom, and that al
wicked will be exterminated.

Article XVIII.—*Of Freewill.*

Concerning Freewill, it is taught th
some extent man has freedom of will, t
a life outwardly honest, and to choos
tween things which reason compreh
but without the grace, assistance, and
tion of the Holy Spirit, that he is un
become pleasing to God, or to fear (
heart, or to believe in him, or to cast
his heart innate evil; and that these
are effected through the Holy Spirit,
... through the Word of God; f

n external works of this life have lom to choose good or evil. By ean that which nature is able to s to labor in the field, or not; to ink, to visit a friend, or not; to inclothe, to build, to take a wife, to trade, and to do any similar act ful and good; none of which, how-er occurs or takes place without ach takes place of Him and through the contrary, from his own choice, also engage in evil, as to bow be-ol, to commit murder, &c."

LE XIX.—*Of the Cause of Sin.*

ie Cause of Sin, it is taught among though Almighty God has created rves all nature, yet the perverted sin in all evil-doers and despisers en as the will of the devil and of men, which, as soon as God with-aid, turns itself from God unto hrist says, John viii. 44: "When h a lie, he speaketh of his own."

XX.—*Of Faith and Good Works.*

falsely accused of having prohibited rks; but our writings on the Ten ments and other subjects show that given good and useful instructions itions in respect to various Chris-*ons, duties, and* works; respecting *or to this time*, little had been *almost every* sermon urged con-*necessity* of puerile and needless *saries*, worship of saints, mo-

nastic vows, pilgrimages, stated fasts, holidays, fraternities, &c. Works so needless even our opponents do not extol so highly now as formerly; besides, they have also learned to treat of faith now, concerning which in former times they preached nothing at all; they teach now, however, that we are not justified before God by works alone, but add faith in Christ, saying faith and works justify us before God—a doctrine which may afford more consolation than one teaching confidence in works alone.

Now the doctrine concerning faith, which is the principal article in the Christian Creed, not having been inculcated for so long a time, as all must confess, but the doctrine concerning works alone having been preached everywhere, the following instructions on this subject are offered by our divines:

First, that our works cannot reconcile us to God and merit grace, but these things are effected through faith alone, if we believe that our sins are forgiven us for Christ's sake, who alone is the Mediator reconciling the Father. He, therefore, that expects to effect this reconciliation by works, and to merit grace, contemns Christ and seeks a way of his own to God, contrary to the gospel.

This doctrine of faith is clearly and explicitly inculcated by Paul in many places, especially in Ephes. ii. 8, 9: "By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast," &c.

And that a new signification is not introduced here, may be shown from Augustine, who has treated this subject carefully, as

in like manner teaches, that we obtain
and are justified before God, through
in Christ, and not by works, as his
e book, "*De Spiritu et Litera*," clearly
a. Although this doctrine is despised
much by the thoughtless, yet it will be
d that it is very consoling and salutary
mid and alarmed consciences; for our
ciences cannot secure tranquillity and
e by works, but through faith alone,
n they feel in themselves an assurance
for Christ's sake they have a merciful
; as Paul says, Rom. v. 1: "Being justified
ith, we have peace with God." Hereto-
this consolation was not administered in
ions, but the wretched consciences of men
driven upon works of their own, and
us works were taken in hand; for con-
ce drove some into monasteries, with
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life; others devised works of another
for the purpose of meriting grace and
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ave experienced that peace could not
red by these things. It was for this
necessary to preach and enforce with
e this doctrine of faith in Christ,
might be known that through faith
ithout merit, the grace of God is

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is not the faith which devils and
lly possess, who believe the histo-
that Christ *has* suffered and risen
ead; but it is the true faith—the
believes that we obtain grace and
ss of sins through Christ. And
r knows that he has a merciful

God through Christ, knows God, calls upon him, and is not without God, like the Gentiles. For the devil and the ungodly do not believe the article concerning the remission of sins; for this reason they are enemies to God, unable to call upon him, or to hope for anything good from him; and, as just now shown, the Scripture, speaking of faith, does not style faith such a knowledge as devils and wicked men possess; for it is taught concerning faith, in Hebrews ii. 1, that to have merely a knowledge of the facts of history is not faith, but to have confidence in God that we shall receive his promises. And Augustine also reminds us that we should understand the word *faith* in Scripture to mean a confidence in God that he is merciful to us, and not a mere knowledge of the fact—a knowledge which devils also possess.

It is taught, further, that good works should and must be performed, not with a view of placing confidence in them as meriting grace, but in accordance with his will and for the glory of God. Faith alone constantly secures grace and forgiveness of sins. And because the Holy Spirit is given through faith, the heart becomes qualified to perform good works. For before this, while it is without the Holy Spirit, it is too weak; besides, it is in the power of Satan who urges frail human nature to many sins: as we see among the philosophers, who, resolving to live honorably and unblamably, were unable to effect it, and fell into many great and open sins. So it happens with all men who attempt, *without* true faith, and without the Holy *Spirit*, to govern themselves by their own *strength* alone. Wherefore, the doctrine c

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Worship of Saints.

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for both hold royal
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n them. For there
Mediator appointed
Jesus Christ, 1 Tim.
viour, High Priest,
or before God, Rom.
lone has promised
id the highest wor-
pture is to seek and

call on Jesus Christ from the heart, in every necessity and affliction; 1 John ii. 1: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

This is about the substance of the doctrine which is preached and taught in our churches for the due instruction, Christian edification, peace of conscience, and improvement of believers. For, as we did not feel willing to place in the greatest and most imminent danger before God our own souls and consciences by the abuse of the Divine Name and Word, or transmit to our children and descendants, and entail upon them, any other doctrine than that of the pure Divine Word and Christian truth; and as these doctrines are clearly taught in the Holy Scripture, and besides, are neither contrary nor in opposition to the universal Christian or to the Roman Church, so far as may be observed from the writings of the Fathers, we think that our adversaries cannot disagree with us in the foregoing Articles. Those, therefore, act altogether unkindly, hastily, and contrary to all Christian unity and love who resolve in themselves, without any authority of divine command or of Scripture, to exclude, reject, and avoid us all as heretics. For the controversy and contention principally refer to traditions and abuses. If then there is no real error or deficiency in the principal Articles, and if this our confession is scriptural and Christian, even were there error among us on account of traditions, the bishops should demean themselves more gently; but we hope to assign indisputable grounds and reasons why some traditions and abuses have been corrected among us.

...tism, or the Smaller Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther.

E TEN COMMANDMENTS,

...in form in which they are to be taught of a family.

IE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

Lord thy God. Thou shalt have ...ds before me.

...lt not make unto thee any graven ...ny likeness of any thing that is above, or that is in the earth be... that is in the water under the ...u shalt not bow down thyself to serve them: for I the Lord thy jealous God, visiting the iniquity ...iers upon the children unto the ...ourth generation of them that hate ...howing mercy unto thousands of love me, and keep my command...

...meant by this commandment?

...ld fear, love, and trust in God ...ings.

E SECOND COMMANDMENT.

...lt not take the name of the Lord ... vain: for the Lord will not hold ...ss that taketh His name in vain.

...meant by this commandment?

...d so fear and love God as not to *conjure, lie,* or deceive by His ...*ll upon Him* in every time of

Six days shalt
work: but the seventh day is the
the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt n
any work, thou, nor thy son, nor
daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy
servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy strange
is within thy gates: For in six days the
made heaven and earth, the sea, and al
in them is, and rested the seventh
wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath
and hallowed it.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God as
despise His word and the preaching
gospel, but deem it holy, and willing
and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

thy father and thy moth

by this commandment?

fear and love God as not to any bodily harm or injury, ther him in all bodily need

KTH COMMANDMENT.

t commit adultery.

by this commandment?

fear and love God as to live odestly in words and deeds, e and honor his wife or her

ENTH COMMANDMENT.

t steal.

by this commandment?

fear and love God as not to or's money or property, nor ie into our possession by un- fraudulent means, but help and protect his possessions.

HTH COMMANDMENT.

ot bear false witness against

by this commandment?

o fear and love God as not elie, betray, or slander our *aise an* evil report against *him, speak* well of him, and *tritable* construction on all

The Ninth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God as not to desire by craftiness to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or home, or to obtain it under the pretext of a legal right; but be ready to assist and serve him in the preservation of his own.

The Tenth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

What is meant by this commandment?

We should so fear and love God as not to alienate our neighbor's wife from him, entice away his servants, nor to let loose his cattle, but use our endeavors that they may remain and discharge their duty to him.

What does God declare concerning all these commandments?

He says thus: I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

What is meant by this declaration?

God threatens to punish all who transgress *these commandments.* We should therefore *fear his anger,* and not act contrary to these *commandments.* But He promises grace and

...mplest form in which it is to be taught ...nd of a family.



The First Article.

Of the Creation.

ieve in God the Father Almighty, **of** heaven and earth.

...is meant by this?

ieve that God created me, together l creatures; that He has given and serves to me my body and soul, eyes s, and all the other members, reason the senses; moreover, he has given hing and shoes, meat and drink, house me, wife and child, lands, cattle, and possessions; that He amply and daily s me with all the necessaries of this r the support of the body; that He

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under P
tius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and bur
He descended into hell; the third day
arose again from the dead; He ascended
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
the Father Almighty; from thence He s
come to judge the quick and the dead.

What is meant by this?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God
gotten of the Father from eternity, and
true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is
Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and
demned being, purchased and delivered
from all sin, from death and from the po
of the devil, not with gold or silver, but
His holy precious blood, and with His i
cent sufferings and death, so that I migh
His own, and live under Him in His k
dom, and serve Him in everlasting righte
ness, innocence, and blessedness, even as
is risen from the dead, lives and reigns t
eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the
Christian Church; the communion of sa
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrectio
the body; and the life everlasting. Am

What is meant by this?

I believe that I cannot by my own re
or strength believe in Jesus Christ my L
or come to Him, but the Holy Ghos
called me through the gospel, enlig
me by His gifts, sanctified and preser



and the sins of all ...
y will raise up me and all
[give to me, with all be-
Jesus, everlasting life. This
true.

LORD'S PRAYER,

form in which it is to be taught
family.

HE INVOCATION.

who art in heaven.

ant by this?

y intends to induce us to believe
uly our Father, and that we are
ldren, so that we may call upon
heerfulness and confidence,
affectionate



Thy kingdom come.

What is meant by this petiti

The kingdom of God come
without our prayer; but we p
tion that it may also come to

How is this effected?

When our heavenly Fath
Holy Spirit, so that throug
believe His holy Word, and
in time, and there in eternity

THE THIRD PETI

Thy will be done on ea
heaven.

What is meant by this petitio

ETITION.

ily bread.

tition?

y bread without our
icked; but we pray
would make us sen-
to receive our daily

bread?

ains to the support
ly, such as eating,
house, home, land,
pious spouse, pious
pious and faithful
good weather, peace,
good friends, faith-
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ETITION.

espasses, as we for-
gainst us.

etition?

ion that our Father
gard our sins, nor
eir account; for we
hing for which we
ited the same; but
y bestow all things
in many ways, and
ishment. We pro-
rtily to forgive and
e those who sin



uesn may not deceive nor sec
belief, despair, and other gı
vices, and that, though we sh
therewith, we may neverthe
vail and gain the victory.

The Seventh Pet

But deliver us from evil.

What is meant by this petitio

We pray in this petition, as
that our heavenly Father wc
from all manner of evil, bot
soul, property and character
when the hour of death shall
a happy end, and graciously
this vale of sorrows to Himsel

ESSIONS.

ENT OF HOLY BAP

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FIRST.

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rehended in God's c
with God's word.

word of God?

Lord Jesus Christ
er of Matthew: "Go
l all nations, baptizi
he Father, and of th
Ghost."

SECONDLY.

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forgiveness of sins, d
he devil, and confer
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our Lord Jesus Ch
apter of Mark: "He
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not shall be damnec

THIRDLY.

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it the Word of Go
ith the water, and f
l of God united



Ghost, which He shed on us abu
through Jesus Christ our Saviour; th
justified by His grace, we should l
heirs according to the hope of eter
This is a faithful saying."

FOURTHLY.

What does such water baptism signif

It signifies that the old Adam in
be drowned by daily sorrow and rep
and die with all sins and evil lusts;
again a new man should daily co
and arise, that in righteousness an
shall live for ever in the presence of

Where is this written?

St. Paul, in the sixth chapter to
mans, says: "We are buried with
baptism into death: that like as C
raised up from the dead by the glo
Father, even so we also should walk
ness of life."

5. THE SACRAMENT OF THE AL
THE LORD'S SUPPER,

In the simplest form in which it is to
by the head of a family.

What is the sacrament of the altar
It is the true body and blood

t, under the bread and wine instiarist himself, for us Christians to drink.

this written?

ly Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, d St. Paul, write thus: "Our Lord rist, the same night in which He ved, took bread; and when He had anks, he brake it, and gave it to His , and said; Take, eat, this is my ich is given for you: Do this in reance of me."

ewise, after the supper, He took the ve thanks, and gave it to them, sayDrink ye all of this; this cup is the Testament in my blood, which is shed ou and for many, for the remission of Do this as often as ye drink it in rebrance of me."

hat benefits are derived from such eating rinking?

ey are indicated in these words: "Given hed for you for the remission of sins," ly, that through these words, the remisof sins, life, and salvation are given to the sacrament. For where there is reon of sins there is also life and sal a-

w can bodily eating and drinking effect reat things?

ting and drinking do certainly not effect things, but the words which stand here, *en and shed for you* for the remissior *s," which words*, together with th *eating and drinking*, are the princi *the sacrament*; and whosoever



these words: "Given an
the remission of sins." I
believe or doubts these
and unprepared, because
YOU" require truly belie

APPENDIX

As the head of a family sh
hold to seek God's blessing,
evening.

MORNING PR

As soon as you arise in th
blessing of God, saying:

hy hands I commend myself, my soul, and all things. May Thy be with me, that the Adversary no power over me. Amen.

proceed joyfully to your daily labor, ymn, or repeating the ten command- hatsoever your devotion may suggest.

Evening Prayer.

vening, on retiring to rest, seek the God, saying:

ıame of God the Father, Son, and ıt. Amen.

ıeeling or standing, repeat the Creed rd's Prayer; and if you desire you this prayer also:

Thee, my heavenly Father, through st, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast guarded me all this day, and I hee pardon all my sins which I ıitted against Thee, and graciously ɜ this night. For into Thy hands d myself, my body and soul, and May Thy holy angel be with me, dversary may have no power over ɜn.

n quickly and peaceably retire to rest.

Table Blessings.

ead of a family should teach his house- ɜ a blessing and return thanks before ıeat.

ıseholdshould devoutly approach *nd with folded* hands, say:

of all wait upon Thee, O Lord\ *ɜivest them* their meat in due



our Lord. Amen.

In the same manner, after alsc devoutly and with folded l

Oh give thanks unto the good, for His mercy endure giveth food to all flesh. I beast his food, and to the yo cry. He delighteth not in the horse: He taketh not pl of a man. The Lord taketh that fear Him, in those th mercy. Amen.

After which the Lord's Pray ing prayer may be repeated:

Unto Thee, O God our F and reignest for ever, we give Jesus Christ, our Lord, for a Amen.

IOPS, PASTORS AND PREACHERS.

)p then must be blameless, the hus-
one wife, vigilant, sober, of good
, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
n to wine, no striker, not greedy of
cre; but patient, not a brawler, not
; one that ruleth well his own house,
his children in subjection with all
; not a novice. Holding fast the
word as he has been taught, that he
able by sound doctrine both to exhort
onvince the gainsayers. 1 Tim. iii.
Titus i. 9.

AT HEARERS OWE TO THEIR BISHOPS.

ven so hath the Lord ordained, that they
h preach the gospel should live of the
el, 1 Cor. ix. 14. Let him that is taught
he word, communicate unto him that
heth in all good things, Gal. vi. 6. Let
elders that rule well be counted worthy
louble honor, especially they who labor
he word and doctrine. For the Scripture
, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that
deth out the corn, and the laborer is
thy of his reward, 1 Tim. v. 17, 18. Obey
n that have the rule over you, and submit
rselves: for they watch for your souls,
ey that must give account, that they may
t with joy, and not with grief; for that is
rofitable for you, Heb. xiii. 17.

OF *CIVIL GOVERNMENTS.*

t every soul be subject unto the high
s. *For there is* no power but of G
wers that be are ordained of C

Whosoever therefore resisteth the
sisteth the ordinance of God: and
resist shall receive to themselves d
For rulers are not a terror to good
to the evil. For he beareth not th
vain: for he is the minister of
venger to execute wrath upon him
evil, Rom. xiii. 1–4.

WHAT CITIZENS OWE TO MAGIS

Render therefore unto Cæsar t
that are Cæsar's, Matt. xxii. 21.
soul be subject unto the highe
Wherefore ye must needs be subjec
for wrath, but also for conscience' s
for this cause pay you tribute also
are God's ministers, attending c
upon this very thing. Render th
all their dues: tribute to whom
due, custom to whom custom, fear
fear, honor to whom honor, Rom.
I exhort therefore, that first of all,
tions, prayers, intercessions, and
thanks be made for all men: for
for all that are in authority; tha
lead a quiet and peaceable life in
ness and honesty. For this is
acceptable in the sight of God ou
1 Tim. ii. 1–3. Put them in mi
subject to principalities and power
magistrates, to be ready to every g
Titus iii. 1. Submit yourselves to
dinance of man for the Lord's sake
it be to the king, as supreme; or
governors, as unto them that are sen
for the punishment of evil doers,
praise of them that do well,
13, 14.

OF HUSBANDS.

, ye husbands, dwell with them
o knowledge, giving honor unto
unto the weaker vessel, and as
together of the grace of life; that
rs be not hindered, 1 Peter iii. 7.
ove your wives, and be not bitter
m, Col. iii. 19.

OF WIVES.

, ye wives, submit yourselves unto
husbands as unto the Lord, Eph.
en as Sarah obeyed Abraham, call-
ord; whose daughters ye are as
do well, and are not afraid with
nent, 1 Peter iii. 6.

OF PARENTS.

athers, provoke not your children
ut bring them up in the nurture
ition of the Lord. Eph. vi. 4.

OF CHILDREN.

, obey your parents in the Lord,
right. Honor thy father and mo-
is the first commandment with
at it may be well with thee, and
st live long on the earth. Eph.

ERVANTS, MAID-SERVANTS, DAY-
ERS, AND OTHER WORKMEN.

be obedient to them that are your
ording to the flesh, with fear and
n singleness of your heart, as
not with eye-service, as men-
as the servants of Christ doing



And ye masters do t
them, forbearing threate
your Master also is in
there respect of person
vi. 9.

OF YOUTH IN (

Likewise, ye younger
unto the elder. Yea, al
one to another, and be
lity; for God resisteth th
grace to the humble. H
therefore, under the mig
that he may exalt you in
v. 5, 6.

OF WIDO

PART IV.

YMNS AND PRAYERS.

the word of Christ dwell in you richly
visdom; teaching and admonishing one
r in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual
singing with grace in your hearts to
d."—PAUL.
tch and pray, that ye enter not into
tion."—JESUS.



HYMNS.

PENING HYMNS.

Old Hundred.

E Jehovah's awful throne,
nations bow with sacred joy;
t the Lord is God alone:
create, and He destroy.

eign power, without our aid,
s of clay, and formed us men,
n like wandering sheep we strayed,
ught us to His fold again.

is people, we His care,
ls and all our mortal frame:
ing honors shall we rear,
ty Maker, to Thy name!

wd Thy gates with thankful songs,
s the heavens our voices raise;
, with her ten thousand tongues
ll Thy courts with sounding praise.

e world is Thy command;
ternity Thy love;
ock Thy truth must stand,
ling years shall cease to move.

With our assembl... order
In strong and beauteous
Like her united towers.

3 'Tis thither by divine comman
The tribes of God repair,
Before His ark to celebrate
His name with praise and p

4 Oh pray we then for Salem's
For they shall prosperous
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to the

5 May peace within Thy sacre
A constant guest be found
With plenty and prosperity
Thy palaces be crowned.

... with due reverence

n does, in God's esteem,
her seats excel;
e of everlasting rest,
e He desires to dwell.

e the Almighty will increase,
oor with plenty bless;
its shall shout for joy; her priests
ving health confess.

Psalm lxxxiv. L. M.

pleasant, how divinely fair,
Lord of Hosts, Thy dwellings are!
ng desire my spirit faints,
the assemblies of Thy saints.

would rest in Thine abode;
ting heart cries out for God:
! my King! why should I be
om all my joys and Thee?

e the saints, who sit on high,
Thy throne above the sky:
ghtest glories shine above,
their work is praise and love.

e the souls who find a place
the temple of Thy grace;
hey behold Thy gentler rays,
k Thy face and learn Thy praise.

re the men whose hearts are set
the way to Zion's gate:
their strength; and through the road
an upon their helper, God.

l they walk with growing strength,
hall meet in heaven at length,
efore Thy face appear,
n nobler worship there.

5 *Humble Request.* P. 1

LORD, we come before Thee now,
At Thy feet we humbly bow;
Oh do not our suit disdain;
Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?

2 In Thine own appointed way,
Now we seek Thee, here we stay;
Lord, we cannot let Thee go
Till a blessing Thou bestow.

3 Send some message from Thy word
That may joy and peace afford;
Let Thy Spirit now impart
Full salvation to each heart.

4 Comfort those who weep and mourn,
Let the time of joy return;
Those who are cast down, lift up;
Make them strong in faith and hope

5 Grant that all may seek and find
Thee a God supremely kind;
Heal the sick, the captive free,
Let us all rejoice in Thee.

6 *God is in this Place.*

LO, God is here! let us adore,
And own how dreadful is this
Let all within us feel His power,
And silent bow before His face;
Who know His power, His grace who
Serve him with awe, with reverence

2 Lo, God is here! him day and nigh
United choirs of angels sing:
To Him, enthroned above all heigh
Heaven's host their noblest prais
Disdain not, Lord, our meaner so
Who praise Thee with a stammer



y our praise
ateful fragrance fill;
efore Thy face,
hy sovereign will:
thoughts arise,
acrifice.

C. M.

without delay,
Thy face;
its away,
ring grace.

orching sand,
sky,
ream at hand,
nk or die.

and Thy power
emple shine:
heavenly hour,
ine.

of a feast
l so well
grace I taste,
ice dwell.

ll its joys,
ns move,
cheerful voice,
love.

ratory to Heaven. L. M.

ith! hear our vows
in this Thy house;
acrifice,
Thy churches rise.

2 Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord! we love;
But there's a nobler rest above:
Thy servants to that rest aspire
With ardent hope and strong desire.

3 There languor shall no more oppress;
The heart shall feel no more distress;
No groans shall mingle with the songs
That dwell upon immortal tongues.

4 No gloomy cares shall there annoy,
No conscious guilt disturb our joy;
But every doubt and fear shall cease,
And perfect love give perfect peace.

5 When shall that glorious day begin,
Beyond the reach of death or sin,
Whose sun shall never more decline,
But with unfading lustre shine?

9 Psalm c. L.

WITH one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices rai
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise

2 Convinced that He is God alone,
From whom both we and all proceed
We, whom He chooses for His own,
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.

3 Oh enter then His temple gate,
Thence to His courts devoutly press;
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still His Name with praises ble

4 For He's the Lord, supremely good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood
To endless ages shall endure.

Psalm c.

rful in God, all ye lands of the
arth,
re Him with gladness and fear;
His presence with music and
rth,
ve and devotion draw near.

vah is God, and Jehovah alone,
and Ruler o'er all;
are His people, His sceptre we
n;
ep, and we follow His call.

His gates with thanksgiving and
g,
ws in His temple proclaim;
with melodious accordance pro
g,
ss His adorable Name.

is the Lord, inexpressibly good,
are the work of His hand;
and truth from eternity stood,
ll to eternity stand.

Sabbath. P. M., 7s.

Y through another week
has brought us on our way;
w a blessing seek,
; in His courts to-day—
the week the best;
f eternal rest!

seek supplies of grace,
h *the dear Redeemer's* name,
reconciling face—
y our sins and shame:
orldly cares set free,
this day in Thee.

3 Here we're come, Thy name to praise
Let us feel Thy presence near:
May Thy glory meet our eyes,
While we in Thy house appear:
Here afford us, Lord, a taste
Of our everlasting feast.

4 May the gospel's joyful sound
Conquer sinners, comfort saints;
Make the fruits of grace abound,
Bring relief for all complaints:
Thus let all our Sabbaths prove,
Till we join the church above.

12 *Delight in Ordinances.*

WELCOME, sweet day of rest,
That saw the Lord arise!
Welcome to this reviving breast,
And these rejoicing eyes!

2 The King himself comes near,
To feast His saints to-day;
Here may we sit, and see Him here,
And love, and praise, and pray.

3 One day amidst the place
Where Jesus is within,
Is better than ten thousand days
Of pleasure and of sin.

4 My willing soul would stay
In such a frame as this,
Till it is called to soar away
To everlasting bliss.

13 8s

FAR from mortal cares retreating,
Sordid hopes and fond desires
Here, our willing footsteps meeting
Every heart to heaven aspires:

Fount of glory beaming,
elestial cheers our eyes,
m above proclaiming
nd pardon from the skies.

share this great salvation?
pure and humble mind;
ndred, tongue, and nation,
he dross of guilt refined:
all around bestowing,
thholds His care from none;
l mercy ever flowing
he fountain of His throne.

in of guilt abhorring,
nd bold in virtue's cause,
providence adoring,
l subjects to Thy laws;
h favor still attend us,
s with Thy wondrous love;
Sun, our Shield, defend us;
hope is from above.

TRINITY.

The Thrice Holy One. 7s.

, holy, holy Lord
d of Hosts! when heaven and
earth
rkness at Thy word
into glorious birth,
works before Thee stood,
ie eye beheld them good;
ey *sung with* sweet accord,
y, holy Lord.

holy! Thee,
vah evermore,

Father, Son, and Spirit! we,
Dust and ashes, would adore:
Lightly by the world esteemed,
From that world by Thee redeemed,
Sing we here with glad accord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Holy, holy, holy! all
Heaven's triumphant choir shall sing,
While the ransomed nations fall
At the footstool of their King:
Then shall saints and seraphim,
Harps and voices, swell one hymn,
Blending in sublime accord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

15 L.

FATHER of all! whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy pardoning love extend.

2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy saving grace extend.

3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy quickening power extend.

4 Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

16 *Trinity Sunday.* L.

O HOLY, holy, holy Lord!
Bright in Thy deeds and Thy
Name;

be Thy Name adored,
lories let the world proclaim.

, Lamb once crucified
ke our load of sins away!
e the hymn that rolls its tide
g the realms of upper day.

y Spirit, from above
treams of light and glory given!
source of ecstasy and love,
y praises ring through earth and heaven.

d Triune! to Thee we owe
ur every thought, our every song;
ever may Thy praises flow
rom saint and seraph's burning tongue.

GOD THE FATHER.

ATTRIBUTES.

God Eternal and Unchangeable. C. M.

GREAT God, how infinite art Thou!
How frail and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow
And pay their praise to Thee.

Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Ere earth or heaven was made;
Thou art the ever-living God,
Were all the nations dead.

3 Nature and time all open lie
To Thine immense survey,
From *the formation of* the sky,
To the last awful day.

4 *Eternity, with all its years,*
Stands present to Thy view;

To Thee there's nothing old appears,
To Thee there's nothing new.

5 Our lives through various scenes are drawn,
And vexed with trifling cares;
While Thine eternal thought moves on
Thine undisturbed affairs.

6 Great God, how infinite art Thou!
How frail and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
And pay their praise to Thee.

18 C. M

GOD is a Spirit, just and wise;
He sees our inmost mind:
In vain to heaven we raise our cries,
And leave our hearts behind.

2 Nothing but truth before His throne
With honor can appear;
The painted hypocrites are known
Through the disguise they wear.

3 Their lifted eyes salute the skies,
Their bending knees the ground;
But God abhors the sacrifice,
Where not the heart is found.

4 Lord, search our thoughts, and try our ways,
And make our soul sincere;
Then shall we stand before Thy face,
And find acceptance there.

19 *The Eternal and Sovereign God.* L. M

JEHOVAH reigns; He dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might;
The world, created by His hands,
Still on its first foundation stands.

spacious world was made,
st foundations laid,
eternal ages stood,
ever-living God.

the angry nations rise,
ir rage against the skies:
-that aim their rage so high!
ke the billows die.

ll Thy throne endure;
stands for ever sure:
ing holiness
dwellings of Thy grace.

alted above all Praise. C. P. M.

of good! Thy works of might
with wonder and delight;
is all divine.
ght in earth, or sea, or air,
self, that's good or fair,
s wholly Thine.

igh Thy glories rise;
our souls with sweet surprise,
d pleasure yield;
de without a bound,
r noble wish is drowned,
r want is filled.

warm affections move,
onishment and love,
Thy feet we fall;
naught beneath the skies;
ardent wishes rise,
ernal All!

e do to spread Thy praise,
ough our remaining days,
name adore?

To Thee we consecrate our breath;
Let us be Thine in life and death,
And Thine for evermore.

21 C.M

FATHER, how wide Thy glory shines!
How high Thy wonders rise!
Known through the earth by thousand signs,
By thousands through the skies.

2 Those mighty orbs proclaim Thy power,
Their motions speak Thy skill;
And on the wings of every hour
We read Thy patience still.

3 But when we view Thy strange design
To save rebellious worms,
Where vengeance and compassion join
In their divinest forms,—

4 Here the whole Deity is known;
Nor can a creature trace
Which of Thy glories brightest shone,
Thy justice, or Thy grace.

5 Now the full glories of the Lamb
Adorn the heavenly plains;
Bright seraphs learn Immanuel's name,
And try their choicest strains.

6 Oh, may we bear some humble part
In that immortal song!
Wonder and joy shall tune our heart,
And love command our tongue.

22 Psalm cxxxix. C.M

LORD, all I am is known to Thee!
In vain my soul would try
To shun Thy presence, or to flee
The notice of Thine eye.

surrounding sight surveys
ing and my rest,
ic walks, my private ways,
ecrets of my breast.

ghts lie open to Thee, Lord,
they're formed within;
my lips pronounce the word,
knowest the sense I mean.

lrous knowledge, deep and high!
e can a creature hide?
Thy circling arms I lie,
on every side.

C. M.

Y and reverend is the name
our eternal King:
holy Lord!" the angels cry;
ice holy!" let us sing.

pest reverence of the mind,
) my soul! to God;
:h Thy hands, a holy heart
is sublime abode.

cred awe pronounce His name,
n words nor thoughts can reach;
:n heart shall please him more
noblest forms of speech.

)ly God! preserve my soul
all pollution free;
'e in heart are Thy delight,
hey Thy face shall see.

C. M.

ceaseless, unexhausted love,
ierited and free,
)ur evil to remove,
p our misery.

2 Thou waitest to be gracious still;
Thou dost with sinners bear;
That saved, we may Thy goodness feel,
And all Thy grace declare.

3 Thy goodness and Thy truth to me,
To every soul abound;
A vast, unfathomable sea
Whose depth no thought can sound.

4 Its streams the whole creation reach,
So plenteous is the store;
Enough for all, enough for each,
Enough for evermore.

5 Faithful, O Lord, Thy mercies are;
A rock which cannot move:
A thousand promises declare
Thy constancy of love.

6 Throughout the universe it reigns,
Unalterably sure;
And, while, O God, Thy truth remains,
Thy goodness must endure.

25 Psalm ciii. S. M.

MY soul, repeat His praise
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

2 God will not always chide;
And, when His wrath is felt,
His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
And lighter than our guilt.

3 *High* as the heavens are raised
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of His grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.



HYMNS.

s grace subdues our sins,
And His forgiving love
r as the east is from the west
Doth all our guilt remove.

e pity of the Lord,
To those who fear His name,
such as tender parents feel;
He knows our feeble frame.

r days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flower;
one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
t withers in an hour.

t Thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
l children's children ever find
hy words of promise sure.

Psalm ciii. S. M.

I bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join,
aid my tongue to bless His name,
ose favors are divine.

ss the Lord, my soul!
let His mercies lie
en in unthankfulness,
without praises die.

forgives thy sins;
e relieves thy pain;
hat heals thy sicknesses,
ves thee strength again.

thy life with love,
scued from the grave;
eemed our souls from death
dless power to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest;
The Lord hath justice for the prou
And mercy for th' oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known;
But sent the world His truth and g
By His beloved Son.

27 *Divine Goodness a Ground of Tru*

GIVE to the winds Thy fears,
Hope, and be undismayed:
God hears thy sighs, and counts th
God shall lift up thy head.

2 Through waves and clouds and stc
He gently clears thy way;
Wait thou His time, so shall this
Soon end in joyous day.

3 What though thou rulest not;
Yet heaven, and earth, and h
Proclaim, God sitteth on the th
And ruleth all things well.

4 Thine everlasting truth,
Father, Thy ceaseless love,
Sees all Thy children's wants,
What best for each will prc

5 And whatsoever Thou will'st
Thou dost, O King of king
What Thine unerring wisdo
Thy power to being bring

6 *Let* us in life, in death,
Thy steadfast truth dec
And publish with our la
Thy love and guardi

"God Calling Yet."

)D calling yet!—shall I not hear?
Earth's pleasures shall I still hold
dear?
life's swift passing years all fly,
still my soul in slumbers lie?

calling yet!—shall I not rise?
[His loving voice despise,
basely His kind care repay?
alls me still: can I delay?

calling yet!—and shall He knock,
I my heart the closer lock?
till is waiting to receive,
shall I dare His Spirit grieve?

calling yet!—and shall I give
eed, but still in bondage live?
.t, but He does not forsake;
alls me still!—my heart, awake!

calling yet!—I cannot stay;
ieart I yield without delay:
world, farewell! from thee I part;
voice of God hath reached my heart!

PROMISES.

P. M., 11s.

)W firm a foundation, ye saints of the
Lord,
d for your faith in His excellent word!
t more can He say than to you He
has said?
who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

not, I am with thee; oh be not dis-
mayed!
m thy God, and will still give thee
id;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, a
thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipot

3 When through the deep waters I
to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not tl
flow;
For I will be with thee, thy tr
bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest

4 When through fiery trials thy
shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be th
The flame shall not hurt thee
design
Thy dross to consume, and thy
refine.

5 The soul that to Jesus hath fled f
I will not, I cannot desert to his f
That soul, though all hell should
to shake,
I'll never—no, never—no, never

30 Psalm xxiii.

THE Lord my pasture shall pr

i in a bare and rugged way,
h devious, lonely wilds I stray,
inty shall my pains beguile;
ren wilderness shall smile,
vely greens and herbage crowned,
eams shall murmur all around.

i in the paths of death I tread,
loomy horrors overspread,
idfast heart shall fear no ill,
ou, O Lord! art with me still:
endly crook shall give me aid,
ide me through the dismal shade.

PROVIDENCE.

Psalm cxxi. C. M

ion's hill I lift my eyes,
om thence expecting aid;
Sion's hill, and Sion's God,
heaven and earth has made.

l not let thy foot be moved,
Guardian will not sleep;
, the God who slumbers not,
favored Israel keep.

ed beneath the Almighty's wings,
i shalt securely rest,
neither sun nor moon shall thee
ay or night molest.

ommon accidents of life
Lord shall guard thee still;
en He that shall preserve
soul from every ill.

, abroad, in peace, in war,
od shall thee defend;
hee through life's pilgrimage,
by journey's end.

32 10s, 11s.

THOUGH troubles assail, and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail, and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us—The Lord will provide.

2 The birds, without barn or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust for our bread;
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written—The Lord will provide.

3 When Satan appears to stop up our path,
And fills us with fears, we triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us (though oft he has tried)
The heart-cheering promise—The Lord will provide.

4 He tells us we're weak—our hope is in vain;
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain;
But when such suggestions our graces have tried,
This answers all questions—The Lord will provide.

5 No strength of our own, nor goodness we claim:
Our trust is all thrown on Jesus his name;

our complaints,
Him present with His aid.

mbling from their seats be hurled
to the deep, and buried there,
ions shake the solid world—
aith shall never yield to fear.

ay the troubled ocean roar;
red peace our souls abide;
very nation, every shore,
bles and dreads the swelling tide.

a stream whose gentle flow
ies the city of our God;
e, and joy still gliding through,
atering our divine abode.

ed stream, Thy holy word,
ief allays, our fear controls;
ce Thy promises afford



From everlasting Thou a
To endless years the sa

4 Thy word commands our
"Return, ye sons of me
All nations rose from ear
And turn to earth agai

5 A thousand ages in Thy s
Are like an evening go
Short as the watch that en
Before the rising sun.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dr
Dies at the opening day.

7 The busy tribes of flesh an
With all their cares and

2 Thy bounty bids the infant year,
From winter storms recovered, rise,
When thousand grateful scenes appear,
Fresh opening to our wondering eyes.

3 Oh how delightful 'tis to see
The earth in vernal beauty drest!
While in each herb, and flower, and tree,
Thy blooming glories shine confest.

4 Aloft, full beaming, reigns the sun,
And light and genial heat conveys;
And, while he leads the seasons on,
From Thee derives his quickening rays.

5 Indulgent God! from every part
Thy plenteous blessings largely flow;
We see, we taste;—let every heart
With grateful love and duty glow.

86 Psalm xxxi.

SOVEREIGN Ruler of the skies,
Ever gracious, ever wise!
All our times are in Thy hand,
All events at Thy command.

2 He that formed us in the womb,
He shall guide us to the tomb;
All our ways shall ever be
Ordered by His wise decree.

3 Times of sickness, times of health,
Blighting want, and cheerful wealth,
All our pleasures, all our pains,
Come, and end, as God ordains.

4 *May we always own* Thy hand,
Still to Thee surrendered stand,
Know that Thou art God alone;
We and ours are all Thy own.



My captive soul surround;
Mysterious deeps of provider
My wondering thoughts co

3 As through a glass, I dimly s
The wonders of Thy love,
How little do I know of Thee
Or of the joys above!

4 'Tis but in part I know Thy
I bless Thee for the sight;
When will Thy love the rest
In glory's clearer light?

5 With raptures shall I then su
Thy providence and grace;
And spend an everlasting day
In wonder, love, and praise

mercy, and will break
ings on your head.

ot the Lord by feeble sense,
trust Him for His grace;
d a frowning providence
hides a smiling face.

purposes will ripen fast,
nfolding every hour;
e bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain,
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

39 *God Appointeth Affliction.* L. M.

NOT from relentless fate's dark womb,
Or from the dust our troubles come.
No fickle chance presides o'er grief,
To cause the pain, or send relief.

2 Look up, and see, ye sorrowing saints!
The cause and cure of your complaints:
Know, 'tis your heavenly Father's will:
Bid every murmur then be still.

3 He sees we need the painful yoke;
Yet love directs His heaviest stroke.
He takes no pleasure in our smart,
But wounds to heal and cheer the heart.

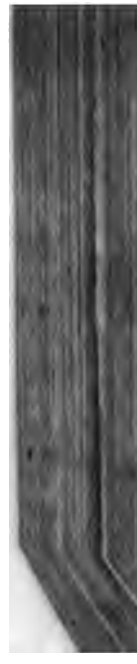
4 *Blest trials those that cleanse from sin,*
And make the soul all pure within,
Wean the fond mind from earthly toys,
To seek and taste celestial joys!



as this word; fi
conferred;
Humbly for pardon

2 Praise Him, all nations
crowned you with
Oh come before Him, yo
gressions confessin
Worship the Lord; bow
His word;
Songs to His glory a

3 Angels, rejoicing, unite
salvation;
Daily and nightly they si
creation:
"Worthy to reign, Keepe
men,
O'er every kingdom a



ppressed, He feeds the poor,
hall find His promise vain.

ves sight unto the blind;
pports the fainting mind;
he laboring conscience peace;
stranger in distress,
nd the fatherless,
s the prisoner sweet release.

im while He lends me breath,
y voice is lost in death,
ll employ my nobler powers;
raise shall ne'er be past,
nd thought, and being last,
tality endures.

C. P. M.

ıy soul, th' exalted lay;
h enraptured thought obey,
e the Almighty's name:
and earth, and seas and skies,
lious concert rise,
ıe inspiring theme.

ıtch the thrilling sound,
e adoring thrones around
less mercy sing:
ening saint above
uneful soul of love,
ıe *sweetest* string.



Ye cheerful warblers of the
Harmonious anthems rai
To Him, who shaped your
Who tipped your glitteri
gold,
And tuned your voice to

5 Let man, by nobler passion
The feeling heart, the judgi
In heavenly praise emplc
Spread the Creator's name
Till heaven's broad arch
sound—
The general burst of joy.

43 Psalm xix.

THE spacious firmament



Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings, as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all
Move round this dark terrestrial ball—
What though no real voice nor sound
Amidst their radiant orbs be found—

In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing, as they shine—
The Hand that made us is divine.

4 11s & 8s.

THE Lord is great! ye hosts of heaven, adore Him,
And ye who tread this earthly ball;
In holy songs rejoice aloud before Him,
And shout His praise who made you all.

The Lord is great; His majesty, how glorious!
Resound His praise from shore to shore;
O'er sin, and death, and hell, now made victorious,
He rules and reigns for evermore.

The Lord is great; His mercy how abounding!
Ye angels, strike your golden chords;
Oh praise our God, with voice and harp resounding,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.

5 *Praise to God.* L. M.

O *PRAISE the Lord in that blest place,*
From whence His goodness largely flows;



3 Let the shrill trumpet's
Make rocks and hills
Praise Him with harp's
And gentle psaltery's

4 Let them who joyful hy
To cymbals set their s
To well-tuned cymbals,
That loudly sound on

5 Let all that vital breath
The breath He does to
In just returns of praise
Let every creature prai

46 Psalm cxlvii

LET every creature

, when ye rise,
in showers or snow,
ders, murmuring round the skies,
power and glory show.

d, hail, and flaming fire,
Agree to praise the Lord,
hen ye in dreadful storms conspire
To execute His word.

y all His works above
His honors be expressed;
But saints that taste his saving love,
Should sing His praises best.

47 S. M.

COME, sound His praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing!
Jehovah is the sovereign God,
The universal King.

2 He formed the deeps unknown;
He gave the seas their bound;
The watery worlds are all His own,
And all the solid ground.

3 Come, worship at His throne;
Come, bow before the Lord.
We are His works and not our own;
He formed us by His word.

4 To-day attend His voice,
Nor dare provoke His rod;
Come, like the people of His choice,
And own your gracious God!

GOD THE SON.

INCARNATION.

8 *The Divinity of Christ.* C. M.

THEE we adore, eternal Word!
The Father's equal Son;
By heaven's obedient hosts adored
Ere time had yet begun.

2 The first creation has displayed
Thine energy divine,
For not a single thing was made
By other hands than Thine.

3 But ransomed sinners, with delight,
Sublimer facts survey—
The all-creating Word unites
Himself to dust and clay.

4 Creation's Author now assumes
A creature's humble form;
A man of grief and woe becomes,
Is trod on like a worm.

5 The Lord of glory bears the shame
To vile transgressors due;
Justice the Prince of life condemns
To die in anguish too.

6 God over all, for ever blest,
The righteous curse endures;
And thus, to souls with sin distrest
Eternal bliss insures.

7 *What wonders* in Thy person meet,
My Saviour, all divine!
I fall with rapture at Thy feet,
And would be wholly Thine.

49 7s.

WATCHMAN! tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are!
Traveler! o'er yon mountain's height
See the glory-beaming star!
Watchman! does its beauteous ray
Aught of hope or joy foretell?
Traveler! yes, it brings the day—
Promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman! tell us of the night:
Higher yet that star ascends!
Traveler! blessedness and light,
Peace and truth its course portends!
Watchman! will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler! ages are its own;
See, it bursts o'er all the earth!

3 Watchman! tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn!
Traveler! darkness takes its flight;
Doubt and terror are withdrawn!
Watchman! let thy wandering cease
Hie thee to thy quiet home;
Traveler, lo! the Prince of peace,
Lo! the Son of God is come!

50 11s & 10s.

HITHER, ye faithful, haste with songs of triumph,
To Bethlehem go, the Lord of life to meet;
To you this day is born a Prince and Saviour;
Oh come, and let us worship at His feet.

2 *O Jesus, for such* wondrous condescension,
Our praise and reverence are an offering *meet;*



Oh come, and let us wors

51

NO war nor battle's
Was heard the wo
No hostile chiefs to furious
But peaceful was the ni
In which the Prince of
His reign of peace upon the

2 The shepherds on the l
Before the point of daw
In social circle sat; while al
The gentle, fleecy brood
Or cropped the flowery
Or slept, or sported on the ver

3 When, lo! with ravishe
Each swain delighted he
Sweet music

sounds of so sweet a tone
Before were never known,
When of old the sons of morning sung,
While God disposed in air
Each constellation fair,
And the well-balanced world on hinges hung.

"Hail, hail, auspicious morn!
The Saviour Christ is born!"
Such was th' immortal seraph's song sublime;
"Glory to God in heaven
To man sweet peace be given,
Sweet peace and friendship to the end of time."

52 8s, 7s.

HARK! what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! th' angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2 Listen to the wondrous story,
Which they chant in hymns of joy:—
Glory in the highest, glory,
Glory be to God most high!

3 Peace on earth, good-will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!—
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4 *Christ is born, the great* Anointed;
Heaven and earth His praises sing;
Oh receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

5 Hasten, mortals, to adore Him;
Learn His name, and taste His joy;
Till in heaven ye sing before Him,
Glory be to God most high!

53 *Good Tidings.* P. M., 8, 7, 8, 7,

ANGELS! from the realms of glor
Wing your flight o'er all the eart
Ye, who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds! in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night;
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the heavenly light:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages! leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great Desire of Nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints! before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

54 *Advent.* C

HARK! the glad sound, the Sav
comes,
The Saviour promised long:
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

ıe Spirit, largely poured,
Iis sacred fire;
ıd might, and zeal and love,
' breast inspire.

the prisoners to release,
's bondage held;
of brass before Him burst,
ı fetters yield.

from thickest films of vice
the mental ray;
e eyes oppressed with night
celestial day.

the broken heart to bind,
ding soul to cure,
the treasures of His grace
h the humble poor.

ıosannas, Prince of peace,
come shall proclaim;
'n's eternal arches ring
ıy beloved Name.

7s.

! the herald angels sing,
ory to the new-born King!
earth, and mercy mild;
inners reconciled."

ye nations, rise;
riumph of the skies:
ıngelic host proclaim,
born in Bethlehem!"

ays His glory by;
man no more may die;
se *the sons* of earth;
e *them* second birth.



BRIGHTEST and best
the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and
aid:
Star of the east, the horizon
Guide where our Infant Re

2 Cold on His cradle the
shining,
Low lies His head with th
stall:
Angels adore Him, in slum
Maker, and Monarch, and S

3 Say, shall we yield Him, in c
Odors of Edom, and offering
Gems of the mountain, and
ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, and



57 8s & 7s.

HAIL! thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free:
From our sins and fears release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the saints Thou art;
Long desired of every nation,
Joy of every waiting heart.

3 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, yet God our King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

58 C. M.

CALM on the listening ear of night,
Come heaven's melodious strains,
Where wild Judea stretches far
Her silver-mantled plains.

2 Celestial choirs, from courts above,
Shed sacred glories there;
And angels, with their sparkling lyres,
Make music on the air.

3 The joyous hills of Palestine
Send back the glad reply;
And greet, from all their holy heights,
The day-*spring from* on high.

4 *O'er the blue depths* of Galilee
There comes a holier calm;

WHILE shepherds watched
by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came do
And glory shone around.

2 "Fear not," said he (for migh
Had seized their troubled mi
"Glad tidings of great joy I bri
To you and all mankind.

3 "To you, in David's town, this
Is born of David's line
The Saviour, who is Christ, the
And this shall be the sign:

4 "The heavenly Babe you there
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathi



rth!
ghtest archangel in glory excelling,
oops to redeem thee, He reigns
pon earth:
it the glad tidings, exultingly sing;
salem triumphs, Messiah is King!

w He cometh; from nation to nation,
heart-cheering news let the earth
cho round;
ee to the faithful He offers salva-
ion,
His people with joy everlasting are
rowned:
it the glad tidings, exultingly sing:
salem triumphs, Messiah is King!

, your homage be gratefully bring-
ng,



Still He who felt temptati
Will guard me in that dai

3 When vexing thoughts wi
And sore dismayed my sp
Yet He, who once vouchs
The dreadful anguish of d
Shall sweetly soothe, shal
The throbbing heart, the

4 When sorrowing o'er som
Which covers all that was
And, from his hand, his v
Divides me for a little wh
My Saviour marks the tea
For "Jesus wept" o'er La

5 And, oh! when I have saf
Through every conflict bu

2 Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed His blood?
But this Saviour died to have us
Reconciled in Him to God.

3 When He lived on earth abased,
Friend of sinners was His name;
Now, above all glory raised,
He rejoices in the same.

4 Oh, for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often
What a Friend we have above.

63 P. M., 8, 7, 4

HARK! the voice of love and mercy
Sounds aloud from Calvary!
See! it rends the rocks asunder,
Shakes the earth, and veils the sky!
"It is finished!"
Hear the dying Saviour cry!

2 It is finished!—Oh what pleasure
Do these charming words afford!
Heavenly blessings, without measure,
Flow to us through Christ the Lord.
It is finished!—
Saints, the dying words record.

3 Finished all the types and shadows
Of the ceremonial law!
Finished all that God had promised;
Death and hell no more shall awe.
It is *finished!*
Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

4 *Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs,*
Join to sing the pleasing theme;

AND will the Lord thus condescend
To visit sinful worms?
Thus at the door shall mercy stand
In all her winning forms?

2 Surprising grace!—and shall my heart
Unmoved and cold remain?
Has this hard rock no tender part
Must mercy plead in vain?

3 Shall Jesus for admission sue—
His charming voice unheard?
And this vile heart, his rightful claim
Remain for ever barred?

4 'Tis sin, alas! with tyrant power,
My heart hath long oppressed;
And crowds of traitors bar the door
Against the heavenly guest.

titude! He stands
g heart and loaded hands!
s kindness! and He shows
ss kindness to His foes!

prove a friend indeed?
: very friend you need;
f sinners—yes, 'tis He,
its dyed on Calvary.

l with gratitude divine;
; enemy and thine—
stroying monster, Sin—
leavenly stranger in.

ere His anger burn;
irted ne'er return;
or the hour's at hand
; door rejected stand.

C. M.

descending and how kind
)d's eternal Son!
eached His heavenly mind
)rought Him down.

passion like a God,
the Saviour knew
pardon was His blood,
e'er withdrew.

He reigns exalted high,
; still as great:
iembers Calvary,
l *His saints* forget.

've repeated seals
ing love;
etch that never feels
tion move.

Like us, unhonored and unknown,
He came to dwell on earth.

2 Like Him, may we be found below,
In wisdom's paths of peace;
Like Him, in grace and knowledge
As years and strength increase.

3 Sweet were His words and kind His
When mothers round Him presse
Their infants in His arms He took,
And on His bosom blessed.

4 Safe from the world's alluring harm
Beneath His watchful eye,
Oh, thus encircled in His arms,
May we for ever lie.

68 PEC

A SAFE stronghold our God is st

for us fight the valiant One,
r God himself commended.
Ask you, "Who is He?"
Christ Jesus! There see
The Lord Sabaoth,
Our God and Saviour both—
e conquers in this battle.

igh devils all the earth should fill,
ich watching to devour us,
tremble not, we fear no ill
iey cannot overpower us.
The false prince of hell
May rage, rave and swell;
He harms not a hair,
We shall escape his snare;
irist's lightest word shall stay him.

word for ever shall abide,
ir foes can ne'er destroy it,
tandeth ever at our side,
id cheers us by His Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, children, wife,
When their worst is done,
Yet have they nothing won—
e shall receive the kingdom.

SUBMISSION.

P. M.

EYOND where Cedron's waters flow,
Behold the suffering Saviour go
To sad Gethsemane;
countenance is all divine,
grief appears in every line.

ows beneath the sins of men;
ies to God, and cries again,
In sad Gethsemane:

He yielde[illegible]
In sad Ge[illegible] Thine
"Behold Me here, Thine will be done!"
And, Father, let Thy will be done!

4 The Father heard; and angels there
Sustained the Son of God in prayer,
In sad Gethsemane:
He drank the dreadful cup of pain—
Then rose to life and joy again.

5 When storms of sorrow round us sweep,
And scenes of anguish make us weep,
To sad Gethsemane
We'll look, and see the Saviour there,
And humbly bow, like Him, in prayer.

EXAMPLE. C. M

70

BEHOLD! where, in a mortal form,
[illegible]pears each grace divine:
[illegible]ll in Jesus met,
[illegible]ge shine.

[illegible]ed, he bowed, and said,
[illegible]ll, not mine, be done!"

[illegible]t our pattern and our guide,
[illegible]mage may we bear;
r we tread His holy steps,
[illegible]y and glory share!

L. M

ENE'ER the angry passions rise,
nd tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife;
let us lift our eyes—
pattern of the Christian life.

enevolent and kind!
ld—how ready to forgive!
temper of our mind,
e the rules by which we live.

leavenly Father's will
employment and delight;
d holy zeal
ugh His life, divinely bright.

ood where'er He came,
of His life were love:
ar the Saviour's name,
t His example move.

blind, how weak we are,
ow apt to turn aside;
d upon Thy care;
Spirit for our guide.

e may we trace,
at we ought to be:
ransforming grace,
y more like Thee.

Pleads the [illegible]

2 Repeated crimes awake our fears,
And justice armed with frowns appears;
But in the Saviour's lovely face
Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace.

3 Hence, then, ye black, despairing thoughts!
Above our fears, above our faults,
His powerful intercessions rise,
And guilt recedes and terror dies.

4 In every dark, distressful hour,
When sin and Satan join their power,
Let this dear hope repel the dart,
That Jesus bears us on His heart.

5 Great Advocate, Almighty Friend—
On Him our humble hopes depend:
Our cause can never, never fail,
For Jesus pleads and must prevail.

C. M.

ught, and vanquished death;
reigns in heaven.

ints beneath the sky,
al praise to give;
nnas to His name,
you too shall live.

C. M.

he Way: to Thee alone
and death we flee;
would the Father seek,
im, Lord, through Thee.

Truth: Thy word alone
n can impart:
nst instruct the mind,
the heart.

Life: the rending tomb
hy conquering arm;
o put their trust in Thee
or hell shall harm.

Way, the Truth, the Life:
know that Way,
keep, that Life to win,
to endless day.

7s, 6s.

was my condition,
is made me whole!
ne Physician
in-sick soul!—
ll diseases
pared with sin;
t seizes,
t within.

2 From men great skill professing
I thought a cure to gain;
But this proved more distressing,
And added to my pain:
Some said that nothing ailed me,
Some gave me up for lost,
Thus every refuge failed me,
And all my hopes were crossed.

3 At length this great Physician—
How matchless is His grace!—
Accepted my petition,
And undertook my case:
Next door to death He found me,
And snatched me from the grave
To tell to all around me
His wondrous power to save.

4 A dying, risen Jesus,
Seen by the eye of faith,
At once from danger frees us,
And saves the soul from death:
Come then to this Physician,
His help He'll freely give;
He makes no hard condition,
'Tis only—Look and live.

76

WHEN, marshaled on the nigh
The glittering hosts bestud
One star alone, of all the train,
Can fix the sinner's wandering

2 Hark! hark! to God the chorus
From every host, from every
But one alone the Saviour speak
It is the star of Bethlehem.

3 *Once* on the raging seas I rod
The storm was loud—the r

awned, and rudely blowed
that tossed my foundering bark

ror then my vitals froze,
-struck, I ceased the tide to stem
suddenly a star arose,
/as the star of Bethlehem.

/as my guide, my light, my all,
It bade my dark forebodings cease;
And through the storm and danger's thrall,
It led me to the port of peace.

77 C. P. M.

OH, could I speak the matchless worth—
Oh, could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine,
I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,
And vie with Gabriel, while he sings,
In notes almost divine.

2 I'd sing the precious blood He spilt,
My ransom from the dreadful guilt
Of sin and wrath divine:
I'd sing His glorious righteousness,
In which all perfect, heavenly dress,
My soul shall ever shine.

3 I'd sing the characters He bears,
And all the forms of love He wears,
Exalted on His throne:
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,
I would to everlasting days
Make all *His glories* known.

4 *Soon the delightful* day will come
When my dear Lord will bring me home,
And I shall see His face;



Could give the guilty conscience
Or wash away our sin.

2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of Thine—
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree
And hopes her guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice
the curse remove;

uld for ever sit,
at the Master's feet!
y happy choice,
re, delight, and bliss,
heaven on earth be this,
he Bridegroom's voice.

uld, with favored John,
weary head upon
Redeemer's breast!
and sin, and sorrow free,
Lord, to find in Thee
asting rest.

C. M.

eet the name of Jesus sounds
eliever's ear!
is sorrows, heals his wounds,
es away his fear.

But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

5 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

81

JESUS! I love Thy charming name
'Tis music to mine ear;
Fain would I sound it out so loud
That earth and heaven should hear.

2 Yes, Thou art precious to my soul,
My joy, my hope, my trust;
Jewels, to Thee, are gaudy toys,
And gold is sordid dust.

3 All my capacious powers can wish
In Thee most richly meet;
Not to mine eyes is light so dear,
Nor friendship half so sweet.

4 Thy grace still dwells upon my heart,
And sheds its fragrance there;—
The noblest balm of all its wounds
The cordial of its care.

5 I'll speak the honors of Thy name
With my last laboring breath;
Then, speechless, clasp Thee in mine
The antidote of death.

PASSION.

82

DID Christ for sinners weep?
And shall our cheeks be dry?
Let floods of penitential grief
Burst forth from every eye.

od in tears
ith wonder see;
tonished, O my soul,
ed those tears for Thee.

pt that we might weep;
ch sin demands a tear:
leaven alone no sin is found,
And there's no weeping there.

A Litany. 7s.

SAVIOUR, when in dust, to Thee,
Low we bow th' adoring knee,
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our streaming eyes,
Oh by all Thy pains and woe,
Suffered once for man below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our solemn litany.

2 By Thy birth and early years,
By Thy human griefs and fears,
By Thy fasting and distress
In the lonely wilderness;
By the victory in the hour
Of the subtle tempter's power;
Jesus, look with pitying eye:
Hear our solemn litany.

3 By Thine hour of dark despair,
By Thine agony of prayer,
By the purple robe of scorn,
By Thy wounds—Thy crown of thorns,
By Thy cross—Thy pangs and cries,
By Thy perfect sacrifice,
Jesus, look with pitying eye;
Hear our solemn litany.

4 *By Thy deep expiring groan,*
By the sealed sepulchral stone,



And led the monster Death ...

6 Say: "Live for ever, wondrous
Born to redeem, and strong to
Then ask the monster: "Where's
And where's thy victory, boasti

87 Isaiah lxiii.

WHO is this that comes from
All His raiment stained w
To the captive speaking freedom
Bringing and bestowing good;
Glorious in the garb He wears,
Glorious in the spoil He bears?

2 'Tis the Saviour, now victorious,
Traveling onward in His migh
'Tis the Saviour, oh how gloriou
To His people is the sight!
... and the grave:

does that visage languish,
hich once was bright as morn!
grief and Thy compassion
ere all for sinners' gain;
, mine was the transgression,
t Thine the deadly pain.

t language shall I borrow
praise Thee, heavenly Friend,
his, Thy dying sorrow—
y pity without end?
, make me Thine for ever,
r let me faithless prove;
t me never, never
use such dying love.

id that I should leave Thee;
Jesus, leave not me;
ith I would receive Thee;
y blood can make me free;
strength and comfort languish,
I must hence depart;
e me then from anguish,
Thine own wounded heart.

L. M.

lies, the Friend of sinners dies!
)! Salem's daughters weep around;
n darkness veils the skies,
len trembling shakes the ground.

ints, and drop your tears anew
m who groaned beneath your load,
a thousand drops for you,
and drops of richest blood!

e *and grief* beyond degree:
! *of glory* dies for men!
at *sudden* joys we see!
dead, revives again.

4 The rising God forsakes the tomb,
Up to His Father's court He flies;
Cherubic legions guard Him home,
And shout Him welcome to the skies.

5 Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell
How high our great Deliverer reigns;
Sing how He spoiled the hosts of hell,
And led the monster Death in chains.

6 Say: "Live for ever, wondrous King!
Born to redeem, and strong to save!"
Then ask the monster: "Where's thy sting?
And where's thy victory, boasting grave?"

87 Isaiah lxiii.

WHO is this that comes from Edom,
All His raiment stained with blood,
To the captive speaking freedom,
Bringing and bestowing good;
Glorious in the garb He wears,
Glorious in the spoil He bears?

2 'Tis the Saviour, now victorious,
Traveling onward in His might;
'Tis the Saviour, oh how glorious
To His people is the sight!
Satan conquered, and the grave;
Jesus now is strong to save.

3 Why that blood His raiment staining?
'Tis the blood of many slain;
Of His foes there's none remaining,
None the contest to maintain:
Fallen they are, no more to rise,
All their glory prostrate lies.

4 Mighty Victor! reign for ever,
Wear the crown so dearly won;



[illegible] strains;
umbler strain,
Saviour's reign.

rapture swell,
nd captive hell!
is now thy sting?
s, vanquished king?

P. M.

Lord, is risen to-day,"
ı and angels say,
nd triumphs high;
and earth reply.

; work is done;
the victory won:
er;
arth no more.

he watch, the seal;
he gates of hell:
bids His rise;
l Paradise.

glorious King:
is now thy sting?
ll doth save:
y, O grave?

lm cxviii. S. M.

ng stone
lid refuse!
t His church thereon,
us Jews.

And each [illegible]
Confirmed of heaven we view.

4 Hosanna to the King
Of David's royal blood!
Bless Him, ye saints; He comes to
Salvation from your God.

5 Oh come the happy hour,
When all the world shall own
Thy Son, O God, declared with pow
And worship at Thy throne!

6 We bless Thy holy word,
Which all this grace displays;
And offer on Thine altar, Lord,
Our sacrifice of praise.

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HOW calm and beautiful the m

aven unfolds its portals wide!
ghty Conqueror! through them ride;
ng of glory! mount Thy throne,
undless empire is Thine own.

sts of heaven, seraphic choirs,
ptured sweep your golden lyres;
ns of men, in humbler strain,
ig your mighty Saviour's reign.

ery note with rapture swell,
l o'erthrown, and captive hell!
here, O Death, is now thy sting?
here thy terrors, vanquished king?

P. M.

"CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say,
ise your joys and triumphs high;
ng, ye heavens, and earth reply.

ve's redeeming work is done;
ught the fight, the victory won:
sus' agony is o'er;
rkness visits earth no more.

in the stone, the watch, the seal;
rist has burst the gates of hell:
ath in vain forbids His rise;
rist has opened Paradise.

ves again our glorious King:
here, O Death, is now thy sting?
ring once, He all doth save:
here thy victory, O grave?

Psalm cxviii. S. M.

EE *what a living* stone
The builders did refuse!
God hath built His church thereon,
spite of envious Jews.

2 The work, O Lord, is Thine,
And wondrous in our eyes:
This day declares it all divine,
This day did Jesus rise.

3 Since He hath left the grave,
His promises are true;
And each exalted hope He gave
Confirmed of heaven we view.

4 Hosanna to the King
Of David's royal blood!
Bless Him, ye saints; He comes to
Salvation from your God.

5 Oh come the happy hour,
When all the world shall own
Thy Son, O God, declared with pow
And worship at Thy throne!

6 We bless Thy holy word,
Which all this grace displays;
And offer on Thine altar, Lord,
Our sacrifice of praise.

93 C

HOW calm and beautiful the mo
That gilds the sacred tomb,
Where once the crucified was borr
And veiled in midnight gloom:
Oh! weep no more the Saviour slai
The Lord is risen—He lives again.

2 Ye mourning saints! dry every tea
For your departed Lord;
"Behold the place—He is not there,"
The tomb is all unbarred:
The gates of death were closed in
The Lord is risen—He lives ag

'ow cheerful to the house of prayer
Your early footsteps bend,
he Saviour will Himself be there,
Your advocate and friend:
nce by the law your hopes were slain,
ut now in Christ ye live again.

:ow tranquil now the rising day!
'Tis Jesus still appears,
risen Lord to chase away
Your unbelieving fears:
h! weep no more your comforts slain,
he Lord is risen—He lives again.

nd when the shades of evening fall,
When life's last hour draws nigh,
Jesus shine upon the soul,
How blissful then to die:
ince He has risen who once was slain,
'e die in Christ to live again.

ASCENSION.

7s.

JESUS, our triumphant Head,
Risen victorious from the dead,
o the realms of glory's gone,
o ascend His rightful throne.

herubs on the Conqueror gaze,
eraphs glow with brighter blaze
ach bright order of the sky
ails Him as He passes by.

eaven *its King* congratulates,
ens wide her golden gates:
gels songs of victory bring;
the blissful regions ring.



95

GIRD on Thy conquering sword
Ascend Thy shining car,
And march, almighty Lord!
To wage Thy holy war.
Before His wheels, in glad surprise
Ye valleys, rise, and sink, ye hills.

2 Fair truth, and smiling love,
And injured righteousness,
Under Thy banners move,
And seek from Thee redress;
Thou in their cause shalt prosper
And far and wide dispense Thy law

3 Before Thine awful face
... shall fall.

OND ADVENT.

hat shout of rapturous joy,
g forth from yonder cloud!
, and through the sky
l their joy aloud!

rumpet's awful voice
road, through sea and land;
ple now rejoice!
emption is at hand.

rd appears in view;
ıd earth before Him fly!
ıts, He comes for you—
eet Him in the sky.

ll with Him above,
foe can e'er molest;
ıe Saviour's love,
ing, ever blest.

d shall come! the earth shall
e;
ins to their centre shake;
ing from the vault of night,
thdraw their feeble light.

ıall come! but not the same
owly form He came-
mb before His foes,
n, and full of woes.

all come! a dreadful form,
of flame, and robe of storm,
ngs, and wings of wind,
ge of human kind.

4 Can this be He, who wont to stray
A pilgrim on the world's highway
By power oppressed, and mo
pride—
The Nazarene, the Crucified?

PRAISE TO THE REDEEMI

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ALL hail the power of Jesus' n
Let angels prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our Gc
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all!

3 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
A remnant weak and small,
Hail Him who saves you by His
And crown Him Lord of all!

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forg
The wormwood and the gall;
Go, spread your trophies at His f
And crown Him Lord of all!

5 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

99

JOY to the world! the Lord ha
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him r
And heaven and nature sing.

arth! the Saviour reigns,
their songs employ;
ls and floods, rocks, hills, and

ıs,
he sounding joy.

et sins and sorrows grow,
)rns infest the ground;
to make His blessings flow
the curse is found.

, the world with truth and grace,
nakes the nations prove
ries of His righteousness,
wonders of His love.

Tribute to the Lamb. C. M

IE, let us join our cheerful songs
/ith angels round the throne;
nousand thousand are their tongues,
; all their joys are one.

ırthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
) be exalted thus;
orthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
or He was slain for us.

ıus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine;
ıd blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever Thine.

et all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas,
ıspire to lift Thy glories high,
ınd speak Thine endless praise!

ALL glorious God, what hymns of praise
Shall our transported voices raise!
What ardent love and zeal are due,
While heaven stands open to our view!

Once we were fallen, and oh how low!
Just on the brink of endless woe:
When Jesus, from the realms above,
Borne on the wings of boundless love,

3 Scattered the shades of death and night,
And spread around His heavenly light
By Him what wondrous grace is shown
To souls impoverished and undone!

4 He shows, beyond these mortal shores
A bright inheritance as ours;
Where saints in light our coming wa
To share their holy, happy state.

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OH for a thousand tongues to si
My dear Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master, and my G
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the eart
The honors of Thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that calms o
That bids our sorrows cea
'Tis music in the sinner's
'Tis life, and health, an

aks the power of reigning sir
sets the prisoner free;
blood can make the foulest clea
His blood availed for me.

Let us obey—we then shall know,
Shall feel our sins forgiven;
Anticipate our heaven below,
And own that love is heaven.

103

THOU sweet gliding Kedron, silver streams
Our Saviour at midnight, when moo pale beams
Shone bright on the waters, wou quently stray,
And lose in thy murmurs the toils day.

2 How damp were the vapors that His head!
How hard was His pillow, how His bed!
The angels, astonished, grew sad sight,
And followed their Master with delight.

3 Oh garden of Olives, thou dear l spot,
The fame of thy wonders shall n forgot;
The theme most transporting to *above;*
The triumph of sorrow—the tri *love.*

And join the
skies.

104 8s & 4

PRAISE the Lord! ye heavens, adore
Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light!

2 Praise the Lord—for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken,
For their guidance He hath made.

3 Praise the Lord—for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious,
Sin and death shall not prevail.

the God of our salvation,
His power proclaim

l whose glory brightens
e, and gives it worth;
s, Thy smile enlightens,
nd charms Thy saints on earth:
think of love like Thine,
wn it love divine.

ory, reign for ever;
1 everlasting crown;
om Thy love shall sever
hom Thou hast made Thine own;
ects of Thy grace,
) behold Thy face.

asten Thine appearing;
h bring the glorious day,
awful summons hearing,
and earth shall pass away:
1 golden harps, we'll sing,
glory to our King."

ervation and Redemption. C. M.

ible souls, approach your God
songs of sacred praise;
good, immensely good,
d are all His ways.

owns His guardian care;
we live and move:
benefits declare
iders of His love.

is Son, His only Son,
n rebel worms;
makes His goodness known
ner forms.

4 To this dear refuge, Lord, we come;
On this our hope relies;
A safe defence, a peaceful home,
When storms of trouble rise.

5 Thine eye beholds with kind regard
The souls who trust in Thee;
Their humble hope Thou wilt reward
With bliss divinely free.

6 Great God, to Thine almighty love
What honors shall we raise!
Not all the raptured songs above
Can render equal praise.

GOD THE SPIRIT.

INVOKED.

107 L. M.

ETERNAL Spirit! we confess
And sing the wonders of Thy grace
Thy power conveys our blessings down
From God the Father and the Son.

2 Enlightened by Thine heavenly ray,
Our shades and darkness turn to day:
Thine inward teachings make us know
Our danger and our refuge too.

3 Thy glorious power works within,
And breaks the chains of reigning sin,
Doth our imperious lusts subdue,
And forms our wretched hearts anew.

4 The troubled conscience knows Thy voice
Thy cheering words awake our joys,
Thy words allay the stormy wind,
And calm the surges of the mind.

C.

ivine, attend our prayer,
ke this house Thy home;
th all Thy gracious power;
great Spirit, come.

e light—to us reveal
ılness and woe,
s in the paths of life,
ll the righteous go.

e fire, and purge our hearts,
:ificial flame;
oul an offering be
:edeemer's name.

dove, and spread Thy wings,
gs of peaceful love,
church on earth become
:he church above.

S.

Holy Spirit, come,
ıy bright beams arise;
sorrow from our minds,
:ness from our eyes.

s of our sin;
d to Jesus' blood;
wondering view reveal
et love of God.

drooping faith;
ots and fears remove;
in our breasts the flame
dying love.

cleanse the heart,
the soul,

To pour fresh life in ever
And new-create the wh

5 Come, Holy Spirit! come
Our minds from bondag
Then shall we know, and
The Father, Son, and T

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COME, Holy Spirit, he
With all Thy quicke
Kindle a flame of sacred
In these cold hearts of

2 See, how we grovel here
Fond of these earthly t
Our souls, how heavily th
To reach eternal joys!

3 Dear Lord! and shall we
At this poor, dying rat
Our love so cold, so faint
And Thine to us so gre

4 Come, Holy Spirit, heave
With all Thy quickenir
Come, shed abroad a Savi
And that shall kindle o

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COME, gracious Spirit,
With light and comf
Be Thou our guardian, T
O'er every thought and st

2 Conduct us safe, conduct
From every sin and hur
Lead to Thy word, that
And teach us lessons h

ght of truth to us display,
'e may know and love Thy way;
ıoly fear in every heart,
'e from Thee may ne'er depart.

s to righteousness, the road
'e must take, to dwell with God;
ıs to heaven, the seat of bliss,
pleasure in perfection is.

8s, 7s, PECULIAR.

LY Ghost, dispel our sadness,
'ierce the clouds of sinful night:
Thou Source of all our gladness,
the Thy life and spread Thy light;
; Spirit, God of peace,
listributer of grace,
pon this congregation!
ɔh hear our supplication.

hat height which knows no measure
gracious shower descend;
ng down the richest treasure
can wish, or God can send.
ɔu Glory, shining down
he Father and the Son,
ıs Thine illumination!
ı all this congregation.

Thou best of all donations
can give, or we implore;
; Thy sweet consolations,
ieed wish for nothing more:
ɔirit, heavenly Dove,
cending from above,
ll this congregation,
hearts Thy habitation.



2 Be darkness, at Thy coming,
Confusion, order, in Thy p
Souls without strength, inspi
Bid mercy triumph over w

3 Baptize the nations; far and
The triumphs of the cross
The name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call Hi

4 God from eternity hath wille
All flesh shall His salvatic
So be the Father's love fulfil
The Saviour's sufferings cr
Thee.

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SPIRIT of truth, on this T
To Thee for help we cry

ıgues shall cease, and power decay,
nowledge empty prove,
ı Thy trembling servants stay
faith, and hope, and love.

THE CHURCH.

TURE AND BLESSEDNESS.

C. M.

W honored is the sacred place
Where we adoring stand—
the glory of the earth,
d beauty of the land!

/arks of mighty grace defend
ıe city where we dwell:
walls, of strong salvation made,
'efy th' assaults of hell.

up the everlasting gates,
he doors wide open fling;
er, ye nations that obey
he statutes of our King.

'e shall you taste unmingled joys,
nd live in perfect peace;
ı who have known Jehovah's name,
nd ventured on His grace.

st in the Lord; for ever trust,
nd banish all your fears:
ngth in the Lord Jehovah dwells,
ternal as His years.

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OW charming is the place
Where my Redeemer, God,
ls the beauties of His face,
sheds His love abroad!

2 Here, on the mercy-seat,
With radiant glory crowned,
Our joyful eyes behold Him sit,
And smile on all around.

3 To Him our prayers and cries
Our humble souls present;
He listens to our broken sighs,
And grants us every want.

4 Give me, O Lord, a place
Within Thy blest abode,
Among the children of Thy grace,
The servants of my God.

117 *Longing for our Heavenly Home.* L.

O ZION! when I think of Thee,
I wish for pinions like a dove,
And mourn to think that I should be
So distant from the place I love.

2 An exile here, and far from home,
For Zion's sacred walls I sigh;
Thither the ransomed nations come,
And see the Saviour eye to eye.

3 While here I walk on hostile ground,
The few that I can call my friends
Are, like myself, with fetters bound,
And weariness our steps attends.

4 But yet we shall behold the day
When Zion's children shall return;
Our sorrows then shall flee away,
And we shall never, never mourn.

5 *The hope* that such a day will come
Makes e'en the exile's portion swee
Though now we wander far from hor
In Zion soon we all shall meet.

L. M.

Shepherd of Thine Israel,
lidst between the cherubs dwell,
ıe tribes, Thy chosen sheep,
h the desert and the deep,—

. is in the desert now—
on high, and guide us through;
Thee—Thy love restore,
ı saved, and sigh no more.

not planted with Thy hand
ne in this our land?
y power defend it round,
ily dew enrich the ground?

ıighty God, return,
r bleeding vineyard mourn;
Thee—Thy love restore,
ı saved, and sigh no more.

VICISSITUDES.

r for a Revival. P. M., 8s, 7s, 4s.

R, visit Thy plantation,
ıs, Lord, a gracious rain!
ne to desolation,
hou return again:
evive us,
elp must come from Thee!

ı Thy garden flourished,
rt looked gay and green:
vord our spirits nourished—
asons we have seen!
c.

t has since succeeded,
'ecline we see;



Lord, &c.

5 Dearest Saviour, hasten hither,
Thou canst make them bloom
Oh permit them not to wither,
Let not all our hopes be vain.
Lord, &c.

6 Let our mutual love be fervent;
Make us prevalent in prayers
Let each one, esteemed Thy serv
Shun the world's bewitching s
Lord, &c.

7 Break the tempter's fatal power
Turn the stony heart to flesh
And begin from this good hour
To revive Thy work afresh.
Lord, revive us,
All our help must come fron

ur once happy seat.
f thee forgetful prove,
y trembling hand forget
king strings with art to move!

ation thee forbear,
al silence be my doom;
hiefest joy compare
ee, Jerusalem, my home!

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rom Zion's sacred mountain
ams of living water flow;
s opened there a fountain
supplies the world below:
They are blessed
its sovereign virtues know.

gh ten thousand channels flowing,
ms of mercy find their way;
nd health, and joy bestowing,
ing beauty from decay:
Oh ye nations,
the long-expected day.

ned by the flowing treasure,
enriching as it goes,
e desert smiles with pleasure,
and blossoms as the rose:
! the desert
s for joy, where'er it flows.

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GHTER of Zion, awake from
adness,
for thy foes shall oppres
more;



Bright o'er the hills dawns the day-star of gladness,
Rise! for the night of thy sorrows is o'er.

2 Strong were thy foes; but the Arm that subdued them
And scattered their legions was mightier far;
They fled like the chaff, from the scourge that pursued them,
Vain were their steeds and their chariots of war.

3 Daughter of Zion, the Power that hath saved thee
Extolled with the harp and the timbrel should be;
Shout! for the foe is destroyed that enslaved thee,
Th' oppressor is vanquished, and Zion is free.

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ON the mountain's top appearing,
Lo! the sacred herald stands;
Welcome news to Zion bearing,
Zion long in hostile lands:
Mourning captive,
God himself will loose thy bands.

2 Has thy night been long and mournful,
All thy friends unfaithful proved?
Have thy foes been proud and scornful,
By thy sighs and tears unmoved?
Cease thy mourning,
Zion still is well beloved.

3 *God, thy* God, will now restore thee!
He himself appears thy friend;

foes shall flee before thee;
their boasts and triumphs end.
reat deliverance
n's King vouchsafes to send.

ace and joy shall now attend thee,
All thy warfare now is past,
od, thy Saviour, shall defend thee,
Peace and joy are come at last;
All thy conflicts
End in everlasting rest.

TRIUMPHANT.

124 Psalm cxxxvii. S. M.

1 I LOVE Thy kingdom, Lord!
The house of Thine abode;
The church, O blest Redeemer! saved
With Thine own precious blood.

2 I love Thy church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

3 If e'er to bless thy sons
My voice or hands deny:
These hands let useful skill forsake,
This voice in silence die.

4 If e'er my heart forget
Her welfare or her woe:
Let every joy this heart forsake,
And every grief o'erflow.

5 *For her my tears shall fall;*
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.



1 The tempest, fire, and
Not to the thunder of that
Which God on Sinai spol

2 But we are come to Sion's l
The city of our God,
Where milder words declar
And spread His love abr

3 Behold th' innumerable hos
Of angels clothed in light
Behold the spirits of the jus
Whose faith is changed to

4 Behold the blest assembly t
Whose names are writ in
Hear God, the Judge of all,
Their sins, through Christ

5 Angels, and living saints, an



ıgdoms of this world
ingdom of His Son.

ign from pole to pole
preme, unbounded sway;
eign, when, like a scroll,
heavens have passed away.

h! for the Lord
ınipotent shall reign;
ıh!—let the word
ound the earth and main.

ah! hark! the sound,
the centre to the skies,
above, beneath, around,
reation's harmonies.

he end—beneath His rod,
's last enemy shall fall:
ıjah! Christ in God,
in Christ, is All in All.

L. M.

JS shall reign where'er the sun
es His successive journeys run;
ıgdom stretch from shore to shore,
ons shall wax and wane no more.

and realms of every tongue
on His love with grateful song;
ith united hearts proclaim
race and truth by Jesus came.

gs abound where'er He reigns·
ioner leaps to loose his chains
y find eternal rest,
he sons of want are ·lest.

GLORIOUS ...
Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes

2 See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughter
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows thy thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the g
Never fails from age to age.

3 'Round each habitation hovering
See the cloud and fire appear,
... a covering

beauteous garments on,
excellence be known;
he robes of righteousness,
hy glories shall confess.

all foes unclean invade,
hallowed walls with dread;
all hell's insulting host
y and thy sorrows boast.

n high, has heard thy prayer
y ruins shall repair;
watchful Monarch cease
ee in eternal peace.

ING THE CHURCH.

S. M.

, my wandering soul,
tless wing to roam;
le world, to either pole,
or thee a home!

ark of God;
e open door;
gain that dear abode,
, my soul, no more!

hou shalt abide,
eet shall be thy rest;
longing satisfied,
salvation blest!

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of the living God,
ought the world around,
nd sorrow trod,
omfort nowhere found.



Where you die shall be my

4 Mine the God whom you ador
Your Redeemer shall be mi
Earth can fill my soul no mor
Every idol I resign.

5 Tell me not of gain and loss,
Ease, enjoyment, pomp and
Welcome, poverty and cross,
Shame, reproach, affliction's

6 "Follow me!" I know Thy vo
Jesus, Lord, Thy steps I se
Now I take Thy yoke by choi
Light 's Thy burden now to

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MY God, accept my heart

r blood once shed for me,
tonement prove,
first to last may be
ase of Thy love.

ought, and work, and word,
e ever given;
ll be Thy service, Lord,
the gate of heaven.

TONEMENT.

IN AND NATURE.

i's foundations yet were laid,
ven's fair roof was spread
l;
ving soul was made,
ed within the heart of God.

ounsel gave to me
n Christ, Thy only Son,
hast made my way to Thee,
m all grace flows ever down.

it long ere time began,
ous name of child bestowed;
heaven on earth to man,
l us sinners "sons of God!"

rthy, Lord, that Thou
uch compassion on me show,
o made the world should bow
vith love a wretch so low.

honor Thee aright,
sweet my song should be;
nd heaven should learn Thy

y God hath done for me.



2 [illegible]
Beheld our helpless [illegible]
He saw, and (oh amazing love!)
He ran to our relief.

3 Down from the shining seats above
With joyful haste He fled,
Entered the grave in mortal flesh,
And dwelt among the dead.

4 He spoiled the powers of darkness
And brake our iron chains;
Jesus has freed our captive souls
From everlasting pains.

5 Oh for this love let rocks and hills
Their lasting silence break,
And all harmonious human tongues
The Saviour's praises speak.

6 Angels, assist our mighty joys,
Strike all your harps of gold;

imb of God,
oning Lamb;
by His blood
ll the lands proclaim:
Jubilee is come;
ansomed sinners, home.

sin and hell,
ty receive;
Jesus dwell,
in Jesus live:
Jubilee is come;
ansomed sinners, home.

rumpet hear,
of pardoning grace;
uls, draw near,
ur Saviour's face:
Jubilee is come;
ansomed sinners, home.

eat High Priest,
onement made;
irits, rest;
ful souls, be glad:
Jubilee is come;
ansomed sinners, home.

S. M.

'tis a charming sound!
ious to the ear!
the echo shall resound,
e *earth shall* hear.

trived the way
llious man;
ans that grace display
the wondrous plan.

And well deserves the praise.

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WHAT is the thing of greates
The whole creation round?
That which was lost in Paradise,
That which in Christ is found.

2 The soul of man—Jehovah's breat
That keeps two worlds at strife
Hell moves beneath to work its de
Heaven stoops to give it life.

3 God, to redeem it, did not spare
His well-beloved Son;
Jesus, to save it, deigned to bear
The sins of all in one.

4 And is this treasure borne below,
In earthen vessels frail?
Can none its utmost value know,
Till flesh and spirit fail?

Presumptuous thought! to fix the bound—
To limit mercy's sovereign reign:
What other happy souls have found,
I'll seek; nor shall I seek in vain.

I own my guilt, my sins confess;
Can men or devils make them more?
Of crimes, already numberless,
Vain the attempt to swell the score.

Were the black list before my sight,
While I remember Thou hast died,
'Twould only urge my speedier flight
To seek salvation at Thy side.

Low at Thy feet I'll cast me down,
To Thee reveal my guilt and fear;
And, if Thou spurn me from Thy throne,
I'll be the first who perished there.

PRAISE FOR THE ATONEMENT.

39 C. M.

THERE is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in His day;
Oh there may I, though vile as He,
Wash all my sins away!

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

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Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save;
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave. C. M.

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SALVATION, oh the joyful sound!
'Tis music to our ears;
A sovereign balm for every wound,
A cordial for our fears.

2 Buried in sorrow and in sin,
At hell's dark door we lay:
But we arise by grace divine,
To see a heavenly day.

3 Salvation! let the echo fly
The spacious earth around;
While all the armies of the sky
Conspire to raise the sound.

Chorus.

Glory, honor, praise and power,
Be unto the Lamb forever;
Jesus Christ is our Redeemer,
Hallelujah! praise the Lord!

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HAIL! Thou once-despisèd J
Hail! Thou Galilean King
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bri
Hail! Thou agonizing Saviour
Bearer of our sin and shame
By Thy merits we find favor
Life is given through Thy

2 Paschal Lamb, by God ap
All our sins on Thee w

By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made:
All Thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven;
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
There for ever to abide!
All the heavenly host adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side:
There for sinners Thou art pleading;
There Thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding,
Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing,
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give:
Help, ye bright angelic spirits!
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays!
Help to sing our Saviour's merits;
Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

ANGELIC MINISTRY.

142 *The Ministry of Angels.*

GREAT God! what hosts of ange
In shining ranks at Thy right
Arrayed in robes of dazzling light,
With pinions stretched for distant

2 *Immortal fires!* seraphic flames
Who can recount their various n
In strength and beauty they ex
For near the throne of God the

And scatter all our fears away

5 Send, O my God, some angel
(Though to a mortal eye unkr
To guide and guard my doubt
Up to the realms of endless da

143 Psalm xci.

GOD shall charge His angel
Watch and ward o'er thee
Though thou walk through ho
Though in desert wilds thou

2 On the lion vainly roaring,
On his young, thy foot shall
And, the dragon's den explorir
Thou shalt bruise the serpen

3 Since, with pure and firm affec
Thou on God hast set thy lo

angels round His throne
less armies shine,
His praise with golden harps,
to songs divine.

ious Prince of peace!" they cry,
unexampled love
e to quit these glorious realms,
ılties above."

l His travels here below
. His steps attend,
ing how, or where, at last,
tic scene would end.

Iis heart transfixed with wounds,
ved the crimson gore;
Iim break the bars of death,
one e'er broke before.

ght His chariot from above,
Him to His throne;
eir triumphant wings, and cried,
rious work is done!"

11s.

heering the thought that the
ts in bliss
r their bright wings to a world
as this,
the sweet songs of the mansions
e,
o'er our bosom some message
ve!

—*on the* wings of the morning
ome,
he stranger in peace to his

A glorious cloud their brigh
given;
Encircling us here are these
heaven.

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ANGELS, where'er we go, a
Our steps, whate'er betide
With watchful care their charg
And evil turn aside.

2 Myriads of bright cherubic ban
Sent by the King of kings,
Rejoice to bear us in their hand
And shade us with their wing

3 Jehovah's charioteers surround
The ministerial choir



l when our spirits we resign,
n outstretched wings they bear,
l lodge us in the arms divine,
nd leave us ever there.

GOSPEL MINISTRY.

S. M

OW beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill!
o bring salvation on their tongues,
nd words of peace reveal.

w charming is their voice!
low sweet the tidings are!
on, behold thy Saviour King;
le reigns and triumphs here."

w happy are our ears,
hat hear this joyful sound,
ich kings and prophets waited for,
nd sought, but never found!

w blessed are our eyes,
hat see this heavenly light!
phets and kings desired it long,
ut died without the sight.

watchmen join their voice,
nd tuneful notes employ;
usalem breaks forth in songs,
nd deserts learn the joy.

Lord makes bare His arm
rough all the earth abroad;
l the nations now behold
r Saviour and their God.

And all my sins remove;
Let all my works in Thee be
Let all be wrought in love.

3 Oh arm me with the mind,
Meek Lamb, that was in Th
And let enlightened zeal be jo
With perfect charity.

4 Oh may I love like Thee!
In all Thy footsteps tread;
Thou hatest all iniquity,
But naught that Thou hast n

5 Oh may I learn the art,
With meekness to reprove!
And hate the sin with all my l
But still the sinner love.

hem immortal souls to gain—
as reward their toil and pain.

onging multitudes around
om their lips the joyful sound;
ble strains Thy grace implore,
l Thy Spirit's living power.

Ordination of Ministers. L. M.

hen to ancient Horeb's brow
oses, an humble shepherd, came,
ere, in solemn grandeur, Thou,
rd, addressed Him, 'midst the flame;

e, Thy waiting servants here,
l on as holy ground to-day,
eful love and reverent fear,
better message to obey.

hou the solemn vows they make,
ound Thine altar low they bend;
ering of their spirits take,
signals of acceptance send.

o Thy sacred truth to tell;
ς, as they preach, the heavy night,
dness through the desert swell,
cheer their path with living light.

ith tears the seed they bear,
droop beneath their toil and pain,
r their sorrowing, humble prayer,
with their heavy load sustain.

en life's labors all are o'er,
ey with sheaves rejoicing come;
nd them cloudless glory pour,
e them 'mid that glory home.

151 C.M

LET Zion's watchmen all awake,
And take th' alarm they give;
Now let them from the mouth of God
Their solemn charge receive.

2 'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hands.

3 They watch for those for whom the Lord
Did heavenly bliss forego;
For souls, that must forever live
In rapture, or in woe.

4 May they that Jesus whom they preach,
Their own Redeemer, see!
And watch Thou daily o'er their souls,
That they may watch for Thee.

152 *On the Dangerous Illness of a Minister.* L.M

OH Thou, before whose gracious throne
We bow our suppliant spirits down,
Thou knowest the anxious cares we feel,
And all our trembling lips would tell.

2 Avert Thy swift descending stroke,
Nor smite the shepherd of the flock,
Lest o'er the barren waste we stray,
To prowling wolves an easy prey.

3 *Restore* him sinking to the grave,
Stretch out Thine arm, make haste to save
Back to our hope and wishes give,
And bid our friend and father live.



applications fail,
and tears can naught prevail,
on this dark desert coast
ur much-loved leader lost;

strength, be Thou his stay,
through the untried way;
soul, surround his bed,
im through the dreary shade.

may Thy angels wait,
their robes of heavenly state,
happy soul to rise,
m to his native skies.

S. M.

we yet alive,
e each other's face?
raise to Jesus give
edeeming grace!
y power divine
lvation here,
sus' praise we join,
is sight appear.

es have we seen!
flicts have we passed!
ithout, and fears within,
assembled last;
ll the Lord
ght us by His love;
e does His help afford,
s our life above.

nake our boast
eeming power,
is to the uttermost,
sin no more:

154 Romans vi.

WE long to move and brea
Inspired with Thine ov
To live Thy life, O Lord, and
Baptized into Thy death;

2 Thy death to sin we die below,
But we shall rise in love;
We here are planted in Thy w
But we shall bloom above;

3 Above we shall Thy glory shai
As we Thy cross have borne
Even we shall crowns of honor
When we the thorns have wo

4 Thy crown of th[illegible]

2 "Permit them to approach, (He cries,)
Nor scorn their humble name;
It was to save such souls as these
With power and love I came."

3 We bring them, Lord, with grateful hearts,
And yield them up to Thee;
Rejoiced that we ourselves are Thine,
Thine let our offspring be!

4 Thus Lydia's house was sanctified,
When she received the word;
Thus the believing jailer gave
His family to the Lord.

5 Ye little flock, with pleasure hear;
Ye children, seek His face;
And fly with transport to receive
The gospel of His grace.

6 If orphans they are left behind,
Thy care, O God! we trust;
And let Thy promise cheer our hearts,
If weeping o'er their dust.

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SAVIOUR, who Thy flock art feeding,
With the shepherd's kindest care,
All the feeble gently leading,
While the lambs Thy bosom share,—

2 Now, these little ones receiving,
Fold them in Thy gracious arm;
There, we know, Thy word believing,
Only there, secure from harm.

3 *Never from Thy* pasture roving,
Let them be the lion's prey;
Let Thy tenderness, so loving,
Keep them all life's dangerous way:

4 Then, within Thy fold eternal,
Let them find a resting-place;
Feed in pastures ever vernal,
Drink the rivers of Thy grace.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

157 L. M.

'TWAS on that dreadful, doleful night,
When the whole power of darkness rose
Against the Son of God's delight,
And friends betrayed Him to His foes;

2 Before the mournful scene began,
He took the bread, and blessed, and brake;
What love through all His actions ran!
What wondrous words of grace He spake!

3 "This is my body broke for sin;
Receive and eat the living food:"
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
"Tis the new covenant in my blood."

4 "Do this (he said) till time shall end
In memory of your dying friend;
Meet at my table and record
The love of your departed Lord."

158 C. M.

IF human kindness meets return,
And owns the grateful tie;
If tender thoughts within us burn,
To feel a friend is nigh,—

2 Oh shall not warmer accents tell
The gratitude we owe
To Him, who died, our fears to quell—
Who bore our guilt and woe!

anguish He surveyed
gs He would not flee,
is latest words displayed—
l remember me!"

hee—Thy death, Thy shame,
hearts to share!
! leave no other name
corded there.

at Jesus' Feet. P. M., 8s & 7s.

ie moments, rich in blessing,
efore the cross I spend;
alth, and peace possessing,
sinner's dying Friend:

ief my heart dividing,
ears His feet I'll bathe;
l, in faith abiding,
ing from His death.

d is this station—
e His cross I'll lie;
divine compassion
rom His languid eye;

—for ever viewing
aming in His blood:
ps, my soul bedewing,
claim my peace with God.

L. M.

k, in memory of your friend!"
s our Master's last request;
ngs of death endured,
ht live for ever blest.

2 Yes, we'll record Thy matchless g
Thou dearest, tenderest, best of
Thy dying love the noblest praise
Of long eternity transcends.

3 'Tis pleasure more than earth can
Thy goodness through these ve
Thy table food celestial yields;
And happy they who sit with T

4 But oh! what vast transporting jo
Shall fill our breasts, our tongue
When, joined with the celestial tr
Our grateful souls Thy love adn

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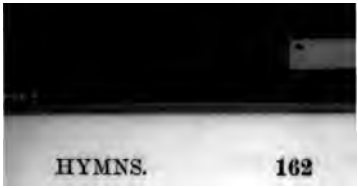
ACCORDING to Thy gracious
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.

2 Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.

3 Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there Thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember Thee?

4 When to the cross I turn mine ey
And rest on Calvary,
Oh Lamb of God, my sacrifice!
I must remember Thee;

5 *Remember* Thee, and all Thy
And all Thy love to me;



e a breath, a pulse remains,
remember Thee.

ı these failing lips grow dumb,
nd and memory flee,
ou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
emember me.

l *Sacramental Hymn.* **C. M.**

at Thy table I behold
:iches of Thy grace;
er, most of all, that I
find a welcome place:

all defiled with sin,
to my God;
'e crucified His Son,
ımpled on His blood.

.nge, surprising grace is this,
ch a soul has room!
ur takes me by the hand,
us bids me come.

my friend," the Saviour cries,
:ast was made for you;
groaned, and bled, and died,
se, and triumphed too."

ıbling faith, and bleeding hearts,
'e accept Thy love:
ı banquet we have had;
:ill it be above!

***thousand hearts*, dear Lord,**
***them all to* Thee;**
***housand tongues*, they all**
***:n the* harmony.**

...aven rejoice, let earth
And praise surround the th

2 To-day arose our glorious He
And death's dread empire l
To-day, the saints His triump
And all its wonders tell.

3 Hosanna! the anointed King
Ascends His destined throne
To God our grateful homage br
And His Messiah own.

4 Blest be the Lord, who came to
With messages of grace;
Who came in God His Father's
To save our sinful race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The church on ...
Th...

thine hours too soon will cease,
ile they gently roll,
eavenly Spirit, source of peace,
ath o'er my soul.

ll my pilgrimage be done,
orld's long week be o'er,
bath dawn which needs no sun,
lay which fades no more?

L. M.

ET is the light of Sabbath eve,
id soft the sunbeams lingering there;
ese blest hours the world I leave,
fted on wings of faith and prayer.

n of rest! the tranquil soul
els the sweet calm, and melts in love;
while these sacred moments roll,
ith sees a smiling heaven above.

will our days of toil be long:
r pilgrimage will soon be trod;
we shall join the ceaseless song,
e endless Sabbath of our God.

L. M.

EET is the work, my God, my King,
o praise Thy name, give thanks, and sing;
ow Thy love by morning light,
talk of all Thy truth by night.

t is the day of sacred rest;
ortal cares shall seize my breast;
y my heart in tune be found,
avid's harp of solemn sound!

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IS there a time when moments
More peacefully than all bes
It is, of all the times below,
A Sabbath eve in summer's tid

2 Delightful scene! a world at rest,
A God of love—no grief, no fe
A heavenly hope, a peaceful brea
A smile unsullied by a tear.

3 If heaven be ever felt below,
A scene so heavenly, sure, as th
May cause a heart on earth to kn
Some foretaste [illegible]



PRAYER.

PRAYER IN GENERAL.

168 C. M.

OUR Father, God, who art in heaven,
All hallowed be Thy name!
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,
In earth and heaven the same!

2 Give us, this day, our daily bread;
And as we those forgive
Who sin against us, so may we
Forgiving grace receive.

3 Into temptation lead us not;
From evil set us free;
And Thine the kingdom, Thine the power
And glory, ever be!

169 L. M.

FROM every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat;
'Tis found beneath the mercy-seat.

2 There is a place where Jesus sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads—
A place, than all besides, more sweet;
It is the blood-bought mercy-seat.

3 There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend
Though sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy-seat.

4 Ah! whither could we flee for aid,
When tempted, desolate, dismayed?
Or how the hosts of hell defeat,
Had suffering saints no mercy-seat?

5 There, there on eagle wings we soar,
And sense and sin molest no more,
And heaven comes down our souls to gre
And glory crowns the mercy-seat.

6 Oh! let my hand forget her skill,
My tongue be silent, cold, and still,
This throbbing heart forget to beat,
If I forget the mercy-seat.

170 C. M

PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed,
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear;
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

4 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death—
He enters heaven with prayer.

5 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And say, "Behold, he prays."

6 *In* prayer, on earth, the saints are one;
They're one in word and mind,
When with the Father and the Son
Sweet fellowship they find.

hou, by whom we come to God,
he Life, the Truth, the Way,
› path of prayer Thyself hast trod;
ord, teach us how to pray.

L. M.

RAYER was appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give;
ıg as they live, should Christians pray,
'or only while they pray, they live.

e Christian's heart his prayer indites,
Ie speaks as prompted from within;
e Spirit his petition writes,
And Christ receives, and gives it in.

ıd shall we in dead silence lie,
When Christ stands waiting for our prayer?
r soul, thou hast a Friend on high;
Arise, and try thine interest there.

pains afflict, or wrongs oppress—
If cares distract, or fears dismay—
guilt deject—if sin distress,
The remedy's before thee—pray.

s prayer supports the soul that's weak;
Though thought be broken—language lame,
ıy, if thou canst, or canst not speak,
But pray with faith in Jesus' name.

L. M.

›LEST hour! when mortal man retires
To hold communion with his God,
ınd to heaven his warm desires,
d listen to the sacred word.

And me...
The house of God—the g...

4 Hail, peaceful hour! supremely blest,
Amid the hours of worldly care;
The hour that yields the spirit rest,
That sacred hour—the hour of pray

5 And when my hours of prayer are pa
And this frail tenement decays,
Then may I spend in heaven at last
A never-ending hour of praise.

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NO, never shall my heart despon
Long as my lips can pray;
My latest breath, with effort fond,
Shall pass in prayer away.

2 There is a heavenly mercy-seat
To calm the sinner's fears;
...

L. M.

. hindrances we meet
o a mercy-seat!
/s the worth of prayer,
ften there!

.e darkened cloud with-

e ladder Jacob saw—
, faith and love—
:ssing from above.

yer, we cease to fight;
ıe Christian's armor bright;
ubles when he sees
.int upon his knees.

vords? ah! think again:
)ace when you complain,
fellow-creature's ear
tale of all your care.

e breath thus vainly spent,
ı supplications sent,
ıl songs should oftener be,
, the Lord has done for me!"

S.

rd, who truly knows
eart of every saint,
by His holy word,
and never faint.

Tis gracious ear;
:r plead in vain;
st wait till He appear,
r, and pray again.



3 Though unbelief suggest,
Why should we longer wait?
He bids us never give Him rest,
But be importunate.

4 'Twas thus a widow poor,
Without support or friend,
Beset the unjust judge's door,
And gained at last her end.

5 And shall not Jesus hear
His children when they cry?
Yes, though He may awhile forbear,
He'll not their suit deny.

6 Then let us earnest be,
And never faint in prayer,
He loves our importunity,
And makes our cause His care.

176 C.

THERE is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an ear that never shuts,
When sink the beams of light.

2 There is an arm that never tires,
When human strength gives way:
There is a love that never fails,
When earthly loves decay.

3 That eye is fixed on seraph throngs;
That arm upholds the sky;
That ear is filled with angel songs;
That love is throned on high.

4 *But there's* a power which man can wi
When mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reac
That listening ear to gain.

er is prayer, which soars on high,
;h Jesus, to the throne;
ves the hand which moves the
orld,
ing salvation down!

SOCIAL PRAYER. 7s.

LDREN of the heavenly King,
s we journey, sweetly sing—
;our Saviour's worthy praise,
ous in His works and ways.

re traveling home to God,
ie way the fathers trod;
y are happy now, and ye
n their happiness shall see.

nished once, by sin betrayed,
irist our Advocate was made;
ardoned now, no more we roam,
hrist conducts us to our home.

Shout, ye little flock, and blest;
You on Jesus' throne shall rest:
There your seat is now prepared—
There your kingdom and reward.

Fear not, brethren; joyful stand
On the borders of your land;
Jesus Christ, your Father's Son,
Bids you undismayed go on.

O Lord, Lord, obediently we'll go,
Gladly leaving all below;
Only Thou our leader be,
And we still will follow Thee.



2 "There," says the Saviour,
Amid this little company;
To them unveil my smilin
And shed my glories roun

3 We meet at Thy command
Relying on Thy faithful w
Now send Thy Spirit fron
Now fill our hearts with l

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OUR souls, by love tog
Cemented, mixed in
One hope, one heart, one
'Tis heaven on earth t

2 Our hearts have often bu
And glowed with sacr
[illegible] and



ien Thou makest Thy jewels up,
sett'st Thy starry crown;
ll Thy sparkling gems shall shine,
ai·med by Thee Thine own,—

; a little band of love,
inners, saved by grace,
lory unto glory changed,
ld Thee face to face.

C. M.

[RE, vain world, a while retire,
id leave us with the Lord;
ts ne'er fill one just desire,
asting bliss afford.

esus! come now gently down,
fill this hallowed place;
e Thy glorious goings known—
se around Thy grace.

learest Lord, from realms of day—
rse the gloom of night;
ll our clouds and doubts away,
urn the shades to light.

and pity, from above,
old and languid frame;
l abroad Thy quickening love,
we'll adore Thy name.

ious Saviour! source of grace;
ee we raise our cry;
the beauties *of Thy face*
ery waiting eye.

God! desponding saints,
guish, droop, and sigh;



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BLEST be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian lo
The fellowship of kindred min
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour united prayers:
Our fears, our hopes, our aims
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain:

FAMILY WORSHIP.

182 *A Morning Song.* S. M.

SEE how the rising sun
Pursues his shining way,
And wide proclaims his Maker's praise,
With every brightening ray.

2 Thus would my rising soul
Its heavenly parent sing,
And to its great Original
The humble tribute bring.

3 Serene I laid me down
Beneath His guardian care;
I slept, and I awoke, and found
My kind Preserver near!

4 Thus does Thine arm support
This weak, defenceless frame:
But whence these favors, Lord, to me,
So worthless as I am?

5 Oh how shall I repay
The bounties of my God?
This feeble spirit pants beneath
The pleasing, painful load.

6 Dear Saviour, to Thy cross
I bring my sacrifice;
By Thee perfumed, it shall ascend
With fragrance to the skies.

7 *My life I would anew*
Devote, O Lord, to Thee
And in Thy blessed presence spend
A long eternity.



2 Preserved by Thine Almighty
I pass the shades of night,
Serene and safe from every h
And see returning light.

3 While many spent the night i
And restless pains and woe
In gentle sleep I closed mine
And undisturbed repose.

4 When sleep, death's sembl
spread,
And I unconscious lay,
Thy watchful care was roun
To guard my feeble clay.

5 Oh let the same Almighty
My waking hours attend
[illegible] every trespass, ever

nd lift up thyself, my heart!
h the angels bear thy part,
l night long unwearied sing,
to Thee, eternal King!"

I wake, ye heavenly choir!
ur devotion me inspire;
ike you my age may spend,
u may on my God attend.

ike you in God delight,
l day long my God in sight
i like you my Maker's will:
I never more do ill!

) Thee, who safe hast kept,
st refreshed me while I slept!
Lord, when I from death shall wake,
f endless life partake.

my vows to Thee renew:
my sins as morning dew;
ny first springs of thought and will,
th Thyself my spirit fill.

control, suggest this day
sign, or do, or say,
my powers, with all their might,
sole glory may unite.

L. M.

THER six days' work is done,
nother Sabbath is begun:
my soul, enjoy thy rest,
e the day thy God has blest.

'ess the Lord, whose love assigns
a rest to wearied minds;
an antepast of heaven,
this day the food of seven.



In various
With praise we think o
With hope we future pleasures ta

5 In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures pass away:
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spe
In hope of one that ne'er shall en

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THOU, gracious God, art my d
On Thee my hopes rely:
Thou art my glory, and shalt yet
Lift up my head on high.

2 Since whensoe'er, in my distress,
To God I made my prayer,
He heard me from His holy hill,
Why should I now despair?

3 Guarded by Him I lay me down
My sweet repose to take;

2 We lay our garments by,
Upon our beds to rest;
So death will soon disrobe us all,
Of what is here possessed.

3 Lord, keep us safe this night,
Secure from all our fears;
May angels guard us while we sleep,
Till morning light appears.

4 And when we early rise,
To view th' unwearied sun,
May we set out to win the prize,
And after glory run,—

5 That when our days are past,
And we from time remove,
Lord, we may in Thy bosom rest,
The bosom of Thy love.

188 *Evening.* C. M.

NOW from the altar of our hearts,
Let flames of love arise;
Assist us, Lord, to offer up
Our evening sacrifice.

2 Minutes and mercies multiplied
Have made up all this day;
Minutes came quick, but mercies were
More swift, more free than they.

3 New time, new favors, and new joys,
Do a new song require;
Till we shall praise Thee as we would,
Accept our hearts' desire.

189 Psalm cxli. 7s.

SOFTLY now the light of day
Fades upon my sight away
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, I would commune with Thee.

2 Thou, whose all-pervading eye
Naught escapes without, within,
Pardon each infirmity,
Open fault, and secret sin.

3 Soon, for me, the light of day
Shall for ever pass away;
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take me, Lord, to dwell with The

4 Thou who, sinless, yet hast known
All of man's infirmity;
Then, from Thine eternal throne,
Jesus, look with pitying eye.

190 7

THE mellow eve is gliding
Serenely down the west;
So, every care subsiding,
My soul would sink to rest.

2 The woodland hum is ringing
The daylight's gentle close;
May angels round me, singing,
Thus hymn my last repose.

3 The evening star has lighted
Her crystal lamp on high;
So, when in death benighted,
May hope illume the sky.

4 In golden splendor dawning,
The morrow's light shall break;
Oh, on the last bright morning,
May I in glory wake!

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GLORY to Thee, my God, this n
For all the blessings of the li
Keep me, oh keep me, King of k
Beneath Thine own Almighty w



ive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
ill that I this day have done;
t with the world, myself and Thee
:e I sleep, at peace may be.

ch me to live, that I may dread
grave as little as my bed:
ch me to die, that so I may
e, glorious, at the awful day.

let my soul on Thee repose!
l may sweet sleep my eyelids close—
:p that shall me more active make
serve my God when I awake.

n the night I sleepless lie,
soul with heavenly thoughts supply:
no ill dreams disturb my rest—
powers of darkness me molest.

when shall I, in endless day,
ever chase dark sleep away,
l hymns divine with angels sing—
ry to Thee, eternal King?

L. M.

HUS far the Lord has led me on;
Thus far His power prolongs my days:
l every evening shall make known
)me fresh memorial of His grace.

:h of my time has run to waste,
nd I, perhaps, am near my home;
He forgives my follies past,
nd strength supplies for days to come.

my body down to sleep;
ace is the pillow of my head:
ver watchful eye will keep
onstant guard around my bed.

ANOTHER fleeting day is gone,
Slow o'er the west the shadows
Swift the soft-stealing hours have flown,
And night's dark mantle veils the sky.

2 Another fleeting day is gone;
In solemn silence rest, my soul!
Bow down before His awful throne,
Who bids the morn and evening roll.

3 Soon shall a darker night descend,
And veil from me yon azure skies;
And soon shall death's oppressive hand
Lie heavy on these languid eyes.

4 Yet when beneath the dreadful shade
I lay my weary frame to rest,
That night shall not make me afraid;
That bed the dying Saviour pressed.

5 Again emerging from the night,
Soon Lord shall rise;

3 Let each returning night declare
The tokens of Thy love;
And every hour Thy grace prepare
My soul for joys above.

4 And when on earth I close my eyes,
To sleep in Death's embrace,
Let me to heaven and glory rise,
T' enjoy Thy smiling face.

195 8s.

INSPIRER and hearer of prayer,
Thou shepherd and guardian of Thine,
My all to Thy covenant care,
I, sleeping or waking, resign.

2 If Thou art my shield and my sun,
The night is no darkness to me;
And fast as my minutes roll on,
They bring me but nearer to Thee.

3 A sovereign protector I have;
Unseen, yet for ever at hand;
Unchangeably faithful to save,
Almighty to rule and command.

4 His smiles and His comforts abound,
His grace, as the dew, shall descend;
And walls of salvation surround
The soul He delights to defend.

196 P. M, 7s.

FOR a season called to part,
Let us now ourselves commend
To the gracious eye and heart
Of our ever-present Friend.

2 *Jesus, hear our* humble prayer!
Tender Shepherd of Thy sheep!
Let Thy mercy and Thy care
All our souls in safety keep.



3 In Thy strength may we be strong,
Sweeten every cross and pain:
Give us, if we live, ere long
In Thy peace to meet again.

4 Then, if Thou Thy help afford,
Ebenezers shall be reared,
And our souls shall praise the Lord
Who our poor petitions heard.

197 7s.

OMNIPRESENT God, whose aid
No one ever asked in vain,
Be this night about my bed,
Every evil thought restrain:

2 Lay Thy hand upon my soul,
God of my unguarded hours!
All my enemies control,
Hell, and earth, and nature's powers.

3 Loose me from the chains of sense,
Set me from the body free:
Draw with stronger influence
My unfettered soul to Thee.

4 In me, Lord, Thyself reveal,
Fill me with a sweet surprise;
Let me Thee, when waking, feel,
Let me in Thine image rise.

198 8s & 7s.

SAVIOUR, breathe an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal;
Sin and wants we come confessing,
Thou canst save and Thou canst heal.
Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrow near us fly,
Angel-guards from Thee surround us,
We are safe if Thou art nigh.

he night be dark and dreary,
ss cannot hide from Thee;
He who, never weary,
est where Thy people be.
wift Death this night o'ertake us,
ır couch become our tomb;
morn in heaven awake us,
ı light and deathless bloom.

IVATE DEVOTION.

L. M.

rom my thoughts, vain world, be-
ne!
eligious hours alone:
ıld mine eyes my Saviour see;
visit, Lord, from Thee.

: grows warm with holy fire,
lles with a pure desire:
y dear Jesus! from above,
my soul with heavenly love.

'iour! what delicious fare,
et Thine entertainments are!
d angels taste, above,
ng grace and dying love.

at Immanuel, all divine!
Thy Father's glories shine:
ghtest, sweetest, fairest One
s have seen, or angels known!

Lord, Remember Me. C. M.

)U *from whom* all goodness flows,
e *my soul to* Thee;
orrows, conflicts, woes,
d, remember me!



2 Wher on my aching, burdened heart
My sins lie heavily,
Thy pardon grant, new peace impart:
Dear Lord, remember me!

3 When trials sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee,
Oh let my strength be as my day:
Dear Lord, remember me!

4 When worn with pain, disease, and grief,
This feeble frame shall be,
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief:
Dear Lord, remember me!

201 C. M.

I LOVE to steal a while away
From every cumbering care,
And spend the hours of setting day,
In humble, grateful prayer.

2 I love in solitude to shed
The penitential tear;
And all His promises to plead,
Where none but God can hear.

3 I love to think on mercies past,
And future good implore;
And all my cares and sorrows cast
On Him whom I adore.

4 I love by faith to take a view
Of brighter scenes in heaven;
The prospect doth my strength renew,
While here by tempests driven.

5 *Thus*, when life's toilsome day is o'er,
May its departing ray
Be calm as this impressive hour,
And lead to endless day.

C. M.

rom the world, O Lord, I flee,
n strife and tumult far;
ines where Satan wages still
ost successful war.

1 retreat, the silent shade,
prayer and praise agree,
n by Thy sweet bounty made
ose who follow Thee.

Thy Spirit touch the soul,
race her mean abode,
what peace, and joy, and love,
lds discourse with God!

ke the nightingale she pours
litary lays;
a witness of her song,
irsts for human praise.

nd Guardian of my life!
Source of light divine,
l harmonious names in one—
viour! Thou art mine!

anks I owe Thee, and what love!
ndless, endless store
10 through the realms above,
time shall be no more.

LF-CONSECRATION.

L. M.

EN I survey the wondrous cross
which the Prince of glory died,
gain I count but loss,
r contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

204 L. M.

LET thoughtless thousands choose the road
That leads the soul away from God;
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine,
To live and die entirely Thine.

2 On Christ, by faith, my soul would live,
From Him my life, my all receive;
To Him devote my fleeting hours,
Serve Him alone with all my powers.

3 Christ is my everlasting all;
To Him I look, on Him I call;
He will my every want supply,
In time, and through eternity.

4 Soon will the Lord, my life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here;
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain;
To live is Christ—to die is gain.

5 Soon will the saints in glory meet,
Soon walk through every golden street,
And sing on every blissful plain—
To live is Christ—to die is gain.

205 C. M.

MY drowsy powers, why sleep ye so?
Awake, my sluggish soul!
Nothing has half thy work to do,
Yet nothing's half so dull.

2 The little ants, for one poor grain,
Labor, and toil, and strive;
Yet we who have a heaven t' obtain,
How negligent we live!

3 We, for whose sake all nature stands,
And stars their courses move;
We, for whose guard the angel bands
Come flying from above;

4 We, for whom God the Son came down,
And labored for our good—
How careless to secure that crown
He purchased with His blood.

5 Lord, shall we lie so sluggish still!
And never act our parts?
Come, holy Dove, from the heavenly hill,
Renew and warm our hearts.

6 Then shall our active spirits move,
Upward our souls shall rise;
With hands of faith and wings of love,
We'll fly and take the prize.

206 L. M.

STAND up, my soul, shake off Thy fear,
And gird the *gospel armor* on;
March to the gates of endless joy,
Where Jesus, thy great Captain's, gone.

ell and thy sins resist thy course;
But hell and sin are vanquished foes;



2 Could my heart so hard
Prayer a task and burd
Any duty give me pain,
If I knew a Saviour's l

3 When I turn mine eyes
Oh how dark, and vai
Prone to unbelief and si
Can I deem myself Tl

4 Yet I mourn my stubbo
Find my sin a grief a
Should I grieve for wh
If I did not love at a

5 Could I love Thy saint
Choose the ways I o
Find at times the pron
If I did not love Th

6 Saviour, let me love T



known Thy fear,
ith a heart sincere
ig from above,
urther grace bestow,
nkled conscience know
forgiving love.

ve I would not stop,
ie gospel hope,
of sin forgiven;
rd, my soul deceive,
inward witness live,
ast of heaven.

ess were in me,
estify of thee,
conciled?
ot with faith draw nigh,
ba, Father, cry,
self Thy child?

Thy servant rest
in Christ possessed,
ercy feed:
e crumbs that fall,
Him who died for all,
children's bread.

icts Thy pardoning love,
eousness, remove,
to display;
belief convince,
ve me from my sins,
hem all away.

Examination. L. M.

nge perplexities arise!
ious fears and jealousies!
doubtful light appear!
proved and clear!



in thought, and word, and a

4 Searcher of hearts, oh searc
The secrets of my soul reve
My fears remove; let me a
To God and mine own cons

LONGING AFTER H

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OH that the Lord would
To keep His statutes s
Oh that my God would gra
To know and do His will

2 Order my footsteps by Thy
And make my heart since
Let sin have no dominion,

P. M., 8s & 7s

'E divine, all love excelling,
ıy of heaven to earth come down!
me Thy humble dwelling,
Thy faithful mercies crown;
Thou art all compassion,
ı unbounded love Thou art;
ne with Thy salvation.
ır Thou my trembling heart!

e, oh breathe Thy lovely Spirit
into my troubled breast!
ı now in Thee inherit,
me find Thy promised rest;
ıway the love of sinning,
ga and Alpha be,
faith, as its beginning,
ny heart at liberty.

Almighty to deliver,
me all Thy life receive!
ıly return, and never,
er more Thy temple leave!
would be always blessing,
ve Thee as Thy hosts above;
and praise Thee without ceasing,
y in Thy precious love.

ı then Thy new creation,
e, unspotted may I be;
e see Thy great salvation
fectly restored by Thee!
ı *from glory into* glory,
n heaven I take my place,
ıst my crown before Thee,
ı wonder, love, and praise!



Why should I cleave to
And all my purest joys

3 Call me away from flesh
Thy grace, O Lord, can
I would obey the voice
And all inferior joys res

4 Be earth, with all her ca
Let noise and vanity be
In secret silence of the n
My heaven, and there m

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HOW vain are all thi
How false, and yet
Each pleasure hath its p
And every sweet a sna



The fondness of a creature's love,
How strong it strikes the sense!
Thither the warm affections move,
Nor can we call them thence.

Dear Saviour, let Thy beauties be
My soul's eternal food;
And grace command my heart away
From all created good.

SELF-ABASEMENT.

C. M.

ALAS! and did my Saviour bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin!

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.



2 When to the throne of grace
He stands between my God
Where'er I rove, where'er I
I feel him working in my br

3 When I attempt to soar abo
To view the heights of Jesus
This monster seems to moun
And veils my Saviour from

4 Lord, free me from this dead
Which keeps my faith and h
I long to dwell in heaven, m
Where not one sinful though

FAITH.

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FAITH adds new charm
bliss.



elestial worlds,
s pleasures reign;
: my portion there,
ek in vain:

cious promise sealed
emer's blood,
ble hope to rest
God.

aken would I rest,
dy dies,
's triumphant wings
y rise.

C. M

ouls, that dream of heaven
heir empty boast
d sins forgiven,
slaves to lust!

ies, airy flights,
and dead;
power unites
living Head;—

ges all the heart;
rks by love;
ul joys depart,
oughts above.

our Father's will,
t His grace:
l requires us still
ness.

C. M

hat will not shrink,
ed by every foe
ble on the brink
oe!

2 That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Will lean upon its God:

3 A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt:

4 That bears, unmoved, the world's dread frown,
Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That seas of trouble cannot drown,
Nor Satan's arts beguile:

5 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last hour is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up a dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

HOPE.

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RISE, my soul, and stretch thy wings,
Thy better portion trace;
Rise, from transitory things,
Towards heaven, thy destined place:
Sun, and moon, and stars decay,
Time shall soon this earth remove;
Rise, my soul, and haste away
To seats prepared above.

2 Cease, my soul, oh cease to mourn,
Press onward to the prize;

Soon thy Saviour will retu_n,
To take thee to the skies:
here, is everlasting peace,
Rest, enduring rest in heaven;
here will sorrow ever cease,
And crowns of joy be given.

C. M

VHEN I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies,
d farewell to every fear
nd wipe my weeping eyes.

ıld earth against my soul engage,
ıd hellish darts be hurled,
I can smile at Satan's rage
d face a frowning world.

ıres like a wild deluge come,
l storms of sorrow fall,
but safely reach my home,
God, my heaven, my all.

ıhall I bathe my weary soul
ıs of heavenly rest;
: a wave of trouble roll
s my peaceful breast.

L. M.

ſ sinks my weak, desponding
ıind?
eaves my heart the anxious sigh?
eign Goodness be unkind?
ot safe if God is nigh?

pports this fainting frame;
alone my hopes recline:
ıs glories of His name,
they spread! how bright they



A present help in [illegible]
Still kind to hear, and st

5 Forgive my doubts, oh gra
And ease the sorrows of
Speak to my heart the hea
That Thou art mine—a

CHARITY

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BLEST is the man wh
Feels all another's
To whom the supplicati
Was never raised in v

2 Whose breast expan
warmth,
A stranger's woes to

from the bosom of his God
Saviour's grace shall give;
hen he kneels before the throne,
trembling soul shall live.

C. M.

PPY the heart where graces reign,
Where love inspires the breast:
s the brightest of the train,
strengthens all the rest.

edge, alas! 'tis all in vain,
all in vain our fear:
ıbborn sins will fight and reign,
ve be absent there.

ve that makes our cheerful feet
wift obedience move:
:vils know, and tremble too;
devils do not love.

ı the grace that lives and sings
:n faith and hope shall cease;
is shall strike our joyful strings
ıe sweet realms of bliss.

L. M.

D I the tongues of Greeks and Jews,
ınd nobler speech than angels use,
be absent, I am found,
ınkling brass, an empty sound.

inspired to preach and tell
is done in heaven and hell,
my faith the world remove,
ı *nothing* without love.



The work of love can e er r

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LO, what a pleasing sigh
Are brethren that agr
How blest are all whose he
In bonds of piety!

2 From those celestial sprin
Such streams of comfort
As no increase of riches b
Nor honors can bestow.

3 All in their stations mov
And each performs his
In all the cares of life an
With sympathizing he

4 Formed for the purest jo
One desire possest,

C. M.

[illegible] gently of the erring one!
[illegible]et us not forget,
darkly stained by sin,
[illegible]ur brother yet!

[illegible]ie same inheritance,
[illegible]f the self-same God,
[illegible]ut stumbled in the path
[illegible]e in weakness trod.

[illegible]itly to the erring ones!
may lead them back,
[illegible]y words, and tones of love.
[illegible]aisery's thorny track.

[illegible]t, brother, thou hast sinned,
[illegible]iful yet may'st be;
[illegible]ly with the erring heart,
hath dealt with thee.

HUMILITY.

L. M.

BEFORE should man, frail child
[illegible]f clay,
[illegible]om the cradle to the shroud,
the creature of a day,—
[illegible]r should mortal man be proud?

[illegible]test visions just appear,
[illegible]anish, and no more are found:
[illegible]liest pile his pride can rear
[illegible]h may level with the ground.

perplexed, in error lost,
[illegible]*mbling step* he seeks his way:
[illegible]*f wisdom's* gift the boast!
[illegible]*'s lamp* how faint the ray!



In modes
And peace in humble

230 Psalm cxx

LORD, for ever at Th
Let my place and p
Strip me of the robe of p
Clothe me with humil

2 Meekly may my soul re
All Thy Spirit hath
Thou hast spoken—I b
Though the oracle b

3 Humble as a little chil
Weaned from the m
By no subtleties begui
On Thy faithful wo

2 The blessings which I now enjoy,
I must for Christ and souls employ;
For if I use them as my own,
My Lord will soon call in His loan.

3 When I to Him in want apply,
He never does my suit deny;
And shall I then refuse to give,
Since I so much from Him receive?

4 Shall Jesus leave the realms of day,
And clothe Himself in humble clay?
Shall He become despised and poor,
To make me rich for ever more?

5 And shall I wickedly withhold
To give my silver or my gold?
To aid a cause my soul approves,
And save the sinners Jesus loves?

6 Expand my heart—incline me, Lord,
To give the whole I can afford:
That what Thy bounty rendered mine,
I may with cheerful hands resign.

232 L. M.

WHEN Jesus dwelt in mortal clay,
What were His works, from day to day,
But miracles of power and grace,
Which spread salvation through our race?

2 Teach us, O Lord! to keep in view
Thy pattern, and Thy steps pursue;
Let alms *bestowed, let* kindness done,
Be witnessed by each rolling sun.

3 *That man may last,* but never lives,
Who much receives, but nothing gives;



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COME, ye that love t
And let our joys be
Join in a song with swe
Whilst we surround t

2 Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew ou
But children of the he
May speak their joy

3 The God, who rules o
Who all the earth s
Who rides upon the s
And calms the roar

4 This awful God is ou

7 The men of grace have found
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruit on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.

8 Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.

234 *Gratitude for God's Mercies.* C. M.

WHEN all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.

2 Unnumbered comforts on my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From whom those comforts flowed.

3 When in the slippery paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran,
Thine arm, unseen, conveyed me safe,
And led me up to man.

4 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy.

5 Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue;
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious *theme* renew.

6 *Through all eternity, to* Thee
A grateful song I'll raise;
But oh eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise.



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LORD, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee
For the bliss Thy love bestows;
For the pardoning grace that saves me,
And the peace that from it flows:
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
This dull soul to rapture raise:
Thou must light the flame, or never
Can my love be warmed to praise.

2 Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
Wretched wanderer, far astray;
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee
From the paths of death away:
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
And the light of hope revealing,
Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

3 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
Vainly would my lips express:
Low before Thy footstool kneeling,
Deign Thy suppliant's prayer to bless:
Let Thy grace, my soul's chief treasure,
Love's pure flame within me raise;
And, since words can never measure,
Let my life show forth Thy praise.

TRUST IN GOD.

236 *Habitual Devotion.* C. M

WHILE Thee I seek, protecting Power!
Be my vain wishes stilled;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be filled.

e the powers of thought bestowed;
ıee my thoughts would soar:
rcy o'er my life has flowed;
mercy I adore.

event of life, how clear
ıling hand I see!
essing to my soul more dear,
se bestowed by Thee.

r joy that crowns my days,
ery pain I bear,
rt shall find delight in praise,
ek relief in prayer.

ladness wings my favored hour,
ove my thoughts shall fill;
d, when storms of sorrow lower,
ıul shall meet Thy will.

d eye, without a tear,
owering storm shall see;
dfast heart shall know no fear:
heart will rest on Thee!

C. M.

IER of all! whose care extends
earth's remotest shore!
ı every age Thy praise ascends;
very heart adore!

ınscience dictates to be done,
ırns me not to do,
ch me more than death to shun,
more than life pursue.

ight, Thy grace impart,
the right to stay;
rong, oh teach my heart
hat better way!



That mercy I to ...
That mercy show to me.

6 This day, be bread and pe
But all beneath the sun
Thou knowest if best bestc
Then let Thy will be dc

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JESUS! my strength, r
On Thee I cast my c
With humble confidence
And know Thou hear'
Give me on Thee to wai
Till I can all things d
On Thee—Almighty to
Almighty to renew.

2 Give me a sober mind,

ill prepared,
ned with jealous care,
anding on its guard,
tching unto prayer.

. heart to pray,
and never cease—
nurmur at Thy stay,
my sufferings less:
ing, above all,
to pray, I want;
deep on Thee to call
ver, never faint.

true regard—
, steady aim,
by threatening or reward,
and Thy great Name:
just concern
ne immortal praise;
sire that all may learn
rify Thy grace.

od's Presence is Light. C. M.

d, the spring of all my joys,
life of my delights,
of my brightest days,
afort of my nights!

shades, if He appear,
ning is begun;
oul's bright morning star,
my rising sun.

g heavens around me shine
ns of sacred bliss,
shows His heart is mine,
ers I am His!



The ... g
Should bear me conque...

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LET others boast how stro
Nor death nor danger fe
While we confess, O Lord, t
What feeble things we are

2 Fresh as the grass our bodie
And flourish bright and g
A blasting wind sweeps o'er
And fades the grass away

3 Our life contains a thousan
And dies if one be gone ;
Strange, that a harp of tho
Should keep in tune so !

4 But 'tis our God supports
The God that formed us
... tion to th' Almighty

my fears control,
d my sorrows fly:
l harm can reach my soul
ı my Father's eye?

Thy will denies,
y would resign;
art just, and good, and wise:
d my will to Thine!

Thy will ordains,
e me strength to bear;
ıe know a Father reigns,
ıst a Father's care.

ı rend this frame,
e almost depart:
y mercy still the same,
:r my drooping heart?

are little known
weak, erring sight;
my soul, believing, own
l Thy ways are right.

:r! blissful name!
expression dear:
dmit my humble claim,
lieu to fear.

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: me, O Thou great Jehovah!
rim through this barren land;
k, but Thou art mighty,
ıe with Thy powerful hand:
l of heaven,
till I want no more.

the crystal fountain
he healing streams do flow,



Thou, of death and hell th
Land me safe on Canaan
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee

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OH let my trembling so
While darkness veils
And wait Thy wise, Thy h
Wrapped yet in mystery
I cannot, Lord, Thy purpo
But all is well, since ruled

2 Thus, trusting in Thy love
The path of duty on;
What though some cherish
Some flattering dreams
Yet purer, brighter joys re
Why should my spirit the

ıdsome hearts they spre.d the news
don through a Saviour's blood:
numerous seeking crowd
d out the path to His abode.

ers of earth and hell in vain
ıt the sacred word combine;
vidence through every age
ly guards the work divine.

great author, source of light,
its preserver, we adore;
ably ask a ray from Thee,
lden wonders to explore.

Psalm xix. C. M.

ɜ perfect law converts the soul,
:laims from false desires;
:red wisdom His sure word
norant inspires.

ıtes of the Lord are just,
ring sincere delight;
: commands in search of truth
the feeblest sight.

ect worship here is fixed,
e foundations laid;
ıl laws are in the scales
th and justice weighed:

esteem than golden mines,
d refined with skill;
eet than honey, or the drops
rom the comb distill.

r counsellors they are,
endly warnings give:
vards attend on those
Thy precepts live.



The great transgression ...

8 So shall my prayer and prai
With Thy acceptance bles
And I, secure on Thy defenc
My strength and Saviour,

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FATHER of mercies, in
What endless glory shi
For ever be Thy name ador
For these celestial lines!

2 Here springs of consolation
To cheer the fainting mi
And thirsty souls receive s
And sweet refreshment!

3 Here the fair tree of know
... yields a free repas

[redacted]structor—gracious Lord,
ou for ever near;
e to love Thy sacred Word,
iew my Saviour there!

C. H. M.

Word, O Lord! like gentle dews,
s soft on hearts that pine:
Thy garden ne'er refuse
eavenly balm of Thine.
ered from Thee,
every tree
and fruit yield to Thy praise.

·d is like a flaming sword—
ge that cleaveth stone:
a fire, so burns Thy Word,
ierceth flesh and bone.
it go forth
all the earth,
:r all the might of sin.

·d, a wondrous morning star,
grims' hearts doth rise;
their Lord, who dwells afar,
akes the simple wise.
not its light
sink in night,
spirit let it shine.

C. M.

appy is the man who hears
ruction's warning voice;
celestial wisdom makes
rly, only choice.

ath treasures greater far
st and west unfold;
ewards more precious are
their stores of gold.



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GREAT God! with w
praise
On all Thy works I look
But still Thy wisdom, pow
Shine brightest in Thy l

2 The stars that in their cou
Have much instruction g
But Thy good word inform
How I may soar to heav

3 The fields provide me food
The goodness of the Lor
But fruits of life and glory
In Thy most holy word.

4 Here are my choicest treas
Here my best comfort lie

t me .ove my Bible more,
:ake a fresh delight,
to read these wonders o'er,
meditate by night.

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ıe thoughtless world derided,
ll I love the word of God;
crook by which I'm guided,
'tis a chastening rod.
word that cuts asunder
ıy pride and vanity.
ıbased I lie, and wonder
he spares a wretch like me.

ıfirms me when I waver,
ny trembling judgment right;
stray, how much soever,
is my restoring light.
ft, and sin, assail me
temptations ever new;
ıere's nothing can avail me,
ny bleeding Lord I view.

need; O Lord, bestow it,
my laboring mind relief;
ıl I doubt, I know it,
oh help my unbelief.
Saviour, by Thy merit
I gain a future crown;
ɔh guide me by Thy Spirit,
hese storms are overblown.

Psalm cxix. C. M.

'*shall the young* secure their hearts,
d guard their lives from sin?
the choicest rules imparts
the conscience clean.

2 When once it enters in the mind,
It spreads such light abroad,
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to God.

3 'Tis, like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead our way.

4 The men that keep Thy law with care
And meditate Thy word,
Grow wiser than their teachers are,
And better know the Lord.

5 Thy precepts make me truly wise
I hate the sinner's road;
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,
But love Thy law, my God.

6 Thy word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide our youth
And well support our age.

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LAMP of our feet! whereby we t
Our path, when wont to stray;
Stream from the Fount of heavenly
Brook by the traveller's way!

2 Bread of our souls! whereon we fe
True manna from on high!
Our guide, our chart! wherein we
Of realms beyond the sky.

3 Pillar of fire through watches d
Or radiant cloud by day!
When waves would whelm our
Our anchor and our stay!

Childhood's preceptor! manhood's trust!
Old age's firm ally!
Our hope, when we go down to dust,
Of immortality!

3 C. M.

LADEN with guilt, and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a ray of hope appears
But in Thy written word.

The volume of my Father's grace
Does all my grief assuage;
Here I behold my Saviour's face
In almost every page.

This is the field where hidden lies
The pearl of price unknown;
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl His own.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail;
My guide to everlasting life,
Through all this gloomy vale.

Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God!
My roving feet command;
And teach me to pursue the road
That leads to Thy right hand.

4 L. M.

IN vain would boasting reason find
The path to happiness and God;
Her weak directions leave the mind
Bewildered in a doubtful road.

Jesus, *Thy words* alone impart
Eternal life; on these I live;
Diviner comforts cheer my heart
Than all the powers of nature give.

3 Here let my constant feet abide;
Thou art the true, the living way:
Let Thy good Spirit be my guide
To the bright realms of endless day.

4 The various forms that men devise
To shake my faith with treacherous art,
I scorn as vanity and lies,
And bind Thy Gospel to my heart.

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THE starry firmament on high,
And all the glories of the sky,
Yet shine not to Thy praise, O Lord,
So brightly as Thy written word.

2 The hopes that holy word supplies,
Its truths divine, and precepts wise,
In each a heavenly beam I see,
And every beam conducts to Thee.

3 Almighty Lord, the sun shall fail,
The moon forget her nightly tale,
And deepest silence hush on high
The radiant chorus of the sky;

4 But fixed for everlasting years,
Unmoved, amid the wreck of spheres,
Thy word shall shine in cloudless day,
When heaven and earth have passed away.

MAN A SINNER.

DEPRAVED.

256 C. M.

SIN has a thousand treacherous arts
To practice on the mind;
With flattering looks she tempts our hearts
But leaves a sting behind.

ith names of virtue she deceives
The aged and the young;
ıd while the heedless wretch believes,
She makes his fetters strong.

e pleads for all the joy she brings,
And gives a fair pretence,
ıt cheats the soul of heavenly things,
And chains it down to sense.

on a tree divinely fair
Grew the forbidden food;
ır mother took the poison there,
And tainted all her blood.

C. M.

IN, like a venomous disease,
Infects our vital blood;
ıe only balm is sovereign grace,
And the physician, God.

ır beauty and our strength are fled,
And we draw near to death;
ıt Christ, the Lord, recalls the dead,
With His almighty breath.

ıdness by nature reigns within,
The passions burn and rage,
ll God's own Son, with skill divine,
The inward fire assuage.

e lick the dust, we grasp the wind,
And solid good despise;
ch is the folly of the mind,
Till Jesus makes us wise.

give our souls the wounds they feel,
Ve drink the poisonous gall,
rush with fury down to hell;
t heaven prevents the fall.

258 Psalm xiv. L. M.

THE Lord looked down from heaven's high tower,
And all the sons of men did view,
To see if any owned His power,
If any truth or justice knew;

2 But all, He saw, were gone aside,
All were degenerate grown, and base;
None took religion for their guide,
Not one of all the sinful race.

3 How will they tremble, then, for fear,
When His just wrath shall them o'ertake:
For to the righteous God is near,
And never will their cause forsake.

4 Oh that from Sion he'd employ
His might, and burst th' oppressive band!
Then shouts of universal joy
Should loudly echo through the land.

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259 L. M.

PEACE, troubled soul, whose plaintive moan
Hath taught each scene the notes of woe;
Cease thy complaint, suppress thy groan,
And let thy tears forget to flow;
Behold, the precious balm is found,
To lull thy pain, to heal thy wound.

2 Come, freely come, by sin oppressed;
On Jesus cast thy weighty load;
In Him thy refuge find, thy rest;
Trust in the mercy of thy God:

Thy God's thy Saviour—glorious word!
For ever love and praise the Lord.

As spring the winter—day, the night,
So peace thy gloom shall chase away,
And smiling joy, a seraph bright,
Shall tend thy steps and near thee stay;
While glory weaves the immortal crown,
And waits to claim thee for her own.

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COME, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel:
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrows that heaven can not heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure,
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot cure.

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, boundless in love;
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
Earth has its sorrows, but heaven can remove.

261 L. M.

DEEP are the wounds that sin has made:
Where shall the sinner find a cure?
In vain, alas! is nature's aid—
The work exceeds all nature's power.



See, in His ...
Such ease as nature ca

4 See, in the Saviour's dyi
Life, health and bliss
'Tis only this dear, sacre
Can ease thy pain and

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COME, ye sinners, po
Weak and wounded
Jesus ready stands to sa
Full of pity, love and
He is able,
He is willing: doubt n

2 Now, ye needy! come
God's free bounty gl
True belief, and true
... grace that br

u tarry till you're better,
u will never come at all:
Not the righteous,—
ers Jesus came to call.

Him prostrate in the garden;
the ground your Maker lies!
ıe bloody tree behold Him;
ar Him cry, before He dies,
'It is finished!"
er, will not this suffice?

th' incarnate God, ascended,
eads the merit of His blood:
ure on Him, venture wholly,
t no other trust intrude;
None but Jesus
lo helpless sinners good.

s and angels, joined in concert,
ıg the praises of the Lamb;
e the blissful seats of heaven
eetly echo with His name:
Hallelujah!
ers here may sing the same.

L. M.

ETURN, oh wanderer, return,
And seek an injured Father's face;
e warm desires that in Thee burn
ere kindled by reclaiming grace.

rn, oh wanderer, return,
ıd seek a Father's melting heart;
pitying eyes thy grief discern,
hand shall heal thy inward smart.

, oh wanderer, return;
Saviour bids thy spirit live;



NOW is th' accepte
Now is the day o
Now, sinners, come wi
And seek the Saviou

2 Now is th' accepted tin
The Saviour calls to-
To-morrow it may be t
Then why should yo

3 Now is th' accepted tim
The gospel bids you c
And every promise in H
Declares there yet is r

4 Lord, draw reluctant sou
And feast them with T
Then will the angel

strate I'll lie before His throne,
And there my guilt confess:
I'll tell Him I'm a wretch undone
Without His sovereign grace.

Perhaps He will admit my plea,
Perhaps will hear my prayer;
But if I perish, I will pray,
And perish only there.

5 I can but perish if I go;
I am resolved to try:
For if I stay away, I know
I must for ever die.

266 C. M.

WHO shall against the Lord prevail?
Or who presume to say,
"That righteous law, which God proclaims,
I dare to disobey?"

2 Ten thousand actions everywhere
Th' impious language speak:
Yet power omnipotent stands by,
Nor do its thunders break.

3 But oh, the dreadful day draws near,
When God's avenging hand
Shall show if feeble mortals' breath,
Or God's own word, shall stand.

4 My soul, with reverence prostrate fall
Before the Voice divine,
And all thine interest and thy powers
To His command resign.

5 *Let the vain sons* of Belial boast,
Their tongues and thoughts are free;
My noblest liberty I own,
When subject most to Thee.

267 C.M

THE Saviour calls; let every ear
Attend the heavenly sound:
Ye doubting souls! dismiss your fear;
Hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart
Here streams of bounty flow;
And life, and health, and bliss impart,
To banish mortal woe.

3 Here springs of sacred pleasure rise,
To ease your every pain:
Immortal fountain! full supplies!
Nor shall you thirst in vain.

4 Ye sinners! come, 'tis mercy's voice;
The gracious call obey;
Mercy invites to heavenly joys,
And can you yet delay?

5 Dear Saviour! draw reluctant hearts;
To Thee let sinners fly,
And take the bliss Thy love imparts,
And drink, and never die.

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COME, said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come and make My paths your choi
I will guide you to your home!
Weary pilgrim, hither come!

2 Thou who, houseless, sole, forlorn,
Long hast borne the proud world's scorn
Long hast roamed the barren waste;
Weary pilgrim, hither haste!

3 *Ye who*, tossed on beds of pain,
Seek for ease, but seek in vain;

hose swollen and sleepless eyes
h to see the morning rise;

y fiercer anguish torn,
, in strong remorse, who mourn,
repose your heavy care:
ience wounded, who can bear?

r, come! for here is found
that flows for every wound;
: that ever shall endure;
eternal, sacred, sure.

The Voice of Free Grace. 12s.

E voice of free grace cries—"Escape
to the mountain!"
\dam's lost race Christ hath opened a
fountain;
n and uncleanness, and every trans-
gression,
)od flows most freely in streams of
salvation.

Chorus.

'ah to the Lamb! He hath pur-
ıased our pardon,
aise Him again when we pass over
rdan.

:hat are wounded! oh flee to the
iour;
ou in mercy,—'tis infinite favor;
are increasing—escape to the
'tain,—
in remove them, it flows from
'ntain.

3 O Jesus! ride onward, triumphantl
rious,
O'er sin, death and hell Thou art
than victorious;
Thy name is the theme of the gre
gregation,
While angels and saints raise the sh
salvation.

4 With joy shall we stand, when esca
the shore;
With harps in our hands, we'll prais
the more:
We'll range the sweet plains on the
of the river,
And sing of salvation for ever and e

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POOR 'wildered, weeping heart,
What can relieve thee?
Come, sinful as thou art,
Christ will receive thee;
Come, though with woe oppressed,
Soft is the Saviour's breast,
There may'st thou sweetly rest,
There naught shall grieve thee.

2 Come, trembling, timid soul,
Why this delaying?
Thunders, that o'er thee roll,
Fall on thee straying.
Turn from destruction's ways,
Turn to the throne of grace;
There seek Thy Father's face,
Weeping and praying.

3 "*Hence*, guilty fear and doubt,
Leave me for ever!

A wilt Thou cast me out?
Never—oh never!
rom unbelief of mind,
From thought to sin inclined,
From flesh and hell combined,
Thou wilt deliver."

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FROM the cross uplifted high,
Where the Saviour deigns to die,
What melodious sounds we hear,
ursting on the ravished ear!
Love's redeeming work is done;
me and welcome, sinner, come.

prinkled now with blood the th one,
y beneath thy burdens groan?
My piercéd body laid,
ice owns the ransom paid;
the knee, and kiss the Son;
e and welcome, sinner, come.

ad for thee, the festal board
ith richest dainties stored;
Father's bosom pressed,
ain a child confessed,
from His house to roam;
nd welcome, sinner, come.

he days of life shall end;
ne, your Saviour, Friend,
spirits to convey
lms of endless day,
eternal home;
elcome, sinner, come."



Child of sin and sor
Hear and obey.

2 Child of sin and sorro
Why wilt thou die!
Come, while thou can
Help from on high
Grieve not that l
Which from abov
Child of sin and sor
Would bring the

3 Child of sin and sorro
Where wilt thou fle
Through that long to-
Eternity!
Exiled from hom
Darkly to roam

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traveling home to heaven
,
ll you go?
Saviour's dying love;
ll you go?
re reached that blest abode,
ngs and priests to God,
s more are on the road,
ll you go?

to see the bleeding Lamb,
ll you go?
strains to praise His name;
ll you go?
f life we there shall wear,
or's palms our hands shall bear,
joys of heaven we'll share,
ll you go?

to join the heavenly choir,
ll you go?
voice and tune the lyre;
ll you go?
and angels gladly sing
their God and King,
he heavenly arches ring,
ll you go?

eavy-laden, come,
ll you go?
house there still is room;
ll you go?
waiting to receive;
n *Him* now believe,
r troubled conscience ease,
, believe.



6 Oh could I hear some
I will go! I v
I'll start this moment,
Let me go! le
My old companions, fa
I will not go with you
I mean with Jesus Chr
I will go! I w

WARNED AND E

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DELAY not, delay nc
near;
The waters of life a
thee:

y not, delay not, oh sinner! to come,
r mercy still lingers, and calls thee
to-day;
voice is not heard in the shades of the
tomb:
:r message, unheeded, will soon pass
away.

y not, delay not; the Spirit of grace,
ng grieved and resisted, may take His
sad flight;
leave thee in darkness to finish thy
race,
sink in the gloom of eternity's night.

y not, delay not; the hour is at hand:
ie earth shall dissolve, and the hea-
vens shall fade;
dead, small and great, in the judgment
shall stand;
hat helper, then, sinner, shall lend
thee his aid?

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ASTEN, sinner, to be wise,
Stay not for the morrow's sun;
longer wisdom you despise,
.e harder is she to be won.

en, mercy to implore,
id stay not for the morrow's sun,
'ear thy season should be o'er
fore this evening's course be run.

en, sinner, to return,
l stay not for the morrow's sun,
ıy lamp should fail to burn
the needful work is done.



WW summer is gone,
And sermons and prayer
When the beams cease to b
Sabbath morn,
And Jesus invites thee n

2 When the rich gales of n
shall blow,
The gospel no message d
Sinner, how canst thou bear
ing of wòe?
How suffer the night of d

3 When the holy have gone
of peace,
To dwell in the mansions
When their harmony wakes,
of bliss,
Their song to the Saviour

fatal cause demands,
ie work of His own hands:
h thankless creatures! why
spurn His love, and die?

! turn—why will ye die?
ur Saviour, asks you why:
His own life did give,
might for ever live:
u let Him die in vain?
your Lord again?
h ransomed sinners! why
slight His grace, and die?

! turn—why will ye die?
e Spirit, asks you why:
all your lives hath strove—
you to embrace His love:
not His love receive?
still refuse to live?
h long-sought sinners! why
grieve your God, and die?

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ERS, will you scorn the message,
t in mercy from above?
entence—oh how tender!—
r line is full of love;
ten to it,
r line is full of love.

e heralds of the Gospel
from Zion's King proclaim,
rebel sinner—"Pardon,
forgiveness in His name."
important!
giveness in His name!



4 False professors, grov'ling wo
Callous hearers of the word
While the messengers address
Take the warnings they affi
We entreat you,
Take the warnings they affi

5 Oh ye angels, hov'ring round
Waiting spirits, speed your
Hasten to the court of heaven
Tidings bear without delay
Rebel sinners
Glad the message will obey

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SEEK, my soul, the narrow
Enter ere it be too late;
Many ask to enter there

n, alas! will be their plea,
rkers of iniquity;
their everlasting lot;
ist will say, "I know you not."

C. M.

NNERS, this solemn truth regard!
Hear, all ye sons of men;
Christ, the Saviour, hath declared,
Ye must be born again."

ate'er might be your birth or blood,
he sinner's boast is vain;
is saith the glorious Son of God,
Ye must be born again."

ir nature's totally depraved—
our heart a sink of sin;
hout a change ye can't be saved;
Ye must be born again."

it of life, Thy grace impart,
nd breathe on sinners slain;
rk graciously upon each heart
ill they be born again.

r Saviour, let them now begin
o trust and love Thy word;
l, by forsaking every sin,
rove they are born of God.

L. M.

LY, sinner, hath a voice within
Oft whispered to thy secret soul,
ed *thee to leave* the ways of sin,
id yield thy heart to God's control?

something met thee in the path
worldliness and vanity,

And pointed to the coming wrath,
And warned thee from that wrath to flee

3 Sinner, it was a heavenly voice,—
It was the Spirit's gracious call;
It bade thee make the better choice,
And haste to seek in Christ thine all.

4 Spurn not the call to life and light;
Regard in time the warning kind;
That call thou may'st not always slight,
And yet the gate of mercy find.

5 God's Spirit will not always strive
With hardened, self-destroying man;
Ye, who persist His love to grieve,
May never hear His voice again.

6 Sinner, perhaps this very day
Thy last accepted time may be;
Oh shouldst thou grieve Him now away,
Then hope may never beam on thee.

282 Ephesians v.

SINNER, rouse thee from thy sleep,
Wake, and o'er thy folly weep;
Raise thy spirit, dark and dead;
Jesus waits His light to shed.

2 Wake from sleep, arise from death,
See the bright and living path:
Watchful tread that path, be wise;
Leave thy folly, seek the skies.

3 *Leave* thy folly, cease from crime,
From this hour redeem thy time;
Life secure without delay,
Evil is the mortal day.

dind and foolish still;
f Jesus, learn His will:
lls from death and night,
its to shed His light.

7s.

ER, art thou still secure?
t thou still refuse to pray?
heart or hands endure
Lord's avenging day?

mighty arm is bared!
terrors clothe His brow!
judgment stand prepared;
must either break or bow.

)resence nature shakes,
, affrighted, hastes to flee;
)untains melt like wax,
will then become of thee?

i advent may abide?
hat glory in your shame,
i find a place to hide
the world is wrapt in flame?

epare us by Thy grace!
ve must resign our breath,
souls be called to pass
gh the iron gate of death.

ow our day improve,
to the gospel voice:
: things that are above:
the world's pretended joys.

C.M.

ERS! the voice of God regard:
nercy speaks to-day;
ou by His gracious word
i's destructive way.

2 Like the rough sea that cannot rest,
You live devoid of peace;
A thousand stings within your breast
Deprive your souls of ease.

3 Your way is dark, and leads to hell:
Why will you persevere?
Can you in frightful torments dwell,
Shut up in black despair?

4 Bow to the sceptre of His word,
Renouncing every sin;
Submit to Him, your sovereign Lord,
And learn His will divine.

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STOP, poor sinners, stop and think,
Before you further go;
Will you sport upon the brink
Of everlasting woe!
On the verge of ruin stop—
Now the friendly warning take—
Stay your footsteps, ere ye drop
Into the burning lake.

2 Say, have you an arm like God,
That you His will oppose?
Fear ye not that iron rod
With which He breaks His foes?
Can you stand in that dread day,
Which His justice shall proclaim,
When the earth shall melt away
Like wax before the flame?

3 *Ghastly* death will quickly come,
And drag you to His bar;
Then to hear your awful doom,
Will fill you with despair!

sins will round you crowd;
all mark their crimson dye;
vengeance crying loud,
hat can you reply?

your heart were made of steel,
orehead lined with brass;
ngth will make you feel;
ll not let you pass;
hen in vain will call—
who now despise His grace—
nd mountains, on us fall,
ide us from His face."

L. M.

Y will ye lavish out your years
midst a thousand trifling cares,
n the various range of thought,
thing needful is forgot?

l ye chase the fleeting wind,
ish an immortal mind,
ngels with regret look down
ou spurn a heavenly crown?

nal God calls from above,
us pleads His dying love;
ed conscience gives you pain:
ll they join their pleas in vain?

our dying eyes shall view
jects which ye now pursue;
nall heaven and hell appear
ne decisive hour is near.

r *God! Thine* aid impart,
nviction on the heart:
r can clear the darkest eyes,
the haughtiest scorner wise.



2 "Deny thyself, and take t
Is the Redeemer's great
Nature must count her gol
If she would gain this h

3 The fearful soul that tires
And walks the ways of G
Is but esteemed almost a sa
And makes his own destr

4 Lord, let not all my hopes
Create my heart entirely
Which hypocrites could ne'
Which false apostates nev

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HEARTS of stone, relent,
Break, by Jesus' cross

d His wounds again,
the shameful cross renew?
th all my sins I'll part:
oh break, my bleeding heart!

7s.

ER, is thy heart at rest?
hy bosom void of fear?
u not by guilt oppressed?
ts not conscience in thine ear?

s world afford thee bliss?
t chase away thy gloom?
ng, false, and vain it is:—
ble at the worldling's doom.

oh sinner, on thy end;
ie judgment-day appear!
must thy spirit wend;
thy righteous sentence hear.

ed, ruined, helpless soul,
Saviour's blood apply;
ie can make thee whole;
o Jesus,—sinner, fly!

The Accepted Time. I. M.

ILE life prolongs its precious light,
Mercy is found, and peace is given;
n, ah, soon, approaching night
blot out every hope of heaven.

God invites, how blest the day!
weet the gospel's charming sound!
sinners, haste, oh haste away,
yet a pardoning God is found.

No God regard your [illegible]
No Saviour call you to the skies."

5 No wonders to the dead are shown,
(The wonders of redeeming love;)
No voice His glorious truth makes kno
Nor sings the bliss of climes above.

6 Silence, and solitude, and gloom
In these forgetful realms appear;
Deep sorrows fill the dismal tomb,
And hope shall never enter there.

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THERE is a time, we know not whe
A point, we know not where,
That marks the destiny of man
To glory or despair.

[illegible] is a line, by us unseen,

5 But on the forehead God has set,
Indelibly, a mark,
Unseen by man, for man as yet
Is blind and in the dark.

6 And yet the doomed man's path below
Like Eden may have bloomed;
He did not, does not, will not know
Or feel that he is doomed.

7 He knows, he feels that all is well,
And every fear is calmed;
He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell,
Not only doomed, but damned.

8 Oh where is this mysterious bourne,
By which our path is crossed,
Beyond which, God himself hath sworn
That he who goes is lost?

9 How far may we go on in sin?
How long will God forbear?
Where does hope end? and where begin
The confines of despair?

10 An answer from the skies is sent;
Ye that from God depart,
While it is called to-day, repent!
And harden not your heart.

AWAKENED.

292 S. M.

OH where shall rest be found,
Rest for the weary soul?
'Twere vain the ocean's depths to sound,
Or pierce to either pole.

2 *The world* can never give
The bliss for which we sigh:



Oh what eternal horrors
Around the second dea
5 Lord God of truth and gr
Teach us that death to
Lest we be driven from T
And evermore undone.
6 Here would we end our c
Alone are found in Th
The life of perfect love—
Of immortality.

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WAKED by the trun
I from my grave s
And see the Judge with
And see the flaming sk
2 Who can resolve the dou
That tears my anxious

294 *Bartimeus's Prayer.* C. M.

"MERCY, O Thou son of David!"
Thus the blind Bartimeus prayed;
"Others by Thy word are saved,
Now to me afford Thine aid."

2 Many for his crying chid him,
But he called the louder still;
Till the gracious Saviour bid him,
"Come, and ask me what you will."

3 Money was not what he wanted,
Though by begging used to live;
But he asked, and Jesus granted,
Alms which none but He could give.

4 "Lord, remove this grievous blindness,
"Let mine eyes behold the day!"
Straight he saw, and won by kindness,
Followed Jesus in the way.

5 Oh! methinks I hear him praising,
Publishing to all around,
"Friends, is not my case amazing?
What a Saviour I have found!

6 "Oh! that all the blind but knew Him,
And would be advised by me!
Surely they would hasten to Him,
He would cause them all to see."

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ETERNITY! terrific word,
Within the heart a piercing sword
Beginning without ending!
Eternity! unmeasured time!
I *sink beneath the thought* sublime
That I to thee am tending:
Deep horror fills my quaking heart,
My lips in speech refuse to part.



3 Awake, oh man, from sinfu
Bethink thyself, thou strayi
Seek God by true repent
Awake, behold thy wasting
Eternity is just at hand
And brings thine awful s
This is, perchance, thy fina
Who knows when he'll be

4 Eternity! terrific word,
Within the heart a piercin
Beginning without endi
Eternity! unmeasured tin
I sink beneath the though
That I to thee am tendi
Lord Jesus, when it pleas
Grant me Thy blest eterni

if I may call Thee so,
'd my fearful heart's desire,
this load of guilty woe,
et me in my sins expire!

le lest the wrath divine,
h bruises now my sinful soul,
bruise this wretched soul of mine
as eternal ages roll!

ate that death alone,
endless banishment from Thee!
me, through Thine only Son,
trembled, wept, and bled for me!

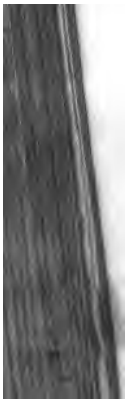
C. P. M.

n a narrow neck of land,
ixt two unbounded seas, I stand,
e, insensible:
of time, a moment's space,
s me to that heavenly place,
uts me up in hell.

mine inmost soul convert,
ply on my thoughtful heart
al things impress:
e to feel their solemn weight,
mble on the brink of fate,
wake to righteousness.

ne place in dread array
np of that tremendous day,
Thou with clouds shalt come;
e the nations at Thy bar;
me, Lord, shall I be there
et a joyful doom?

y one great business here
ous industry and fear



Transported from
And reign with Thee above,
Where faith is sweetly lost in sigh
And hope in full, supreme delight
And everlasting love.

PENITENT.

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JUST as I am, without one pl
But that Thy blood was she
And that Thou bid'st me come
O Lamb of God, I come!

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blo
To Thee, whose blood can clea
O Lamb of God, I come!

3 Just as I am, though tossed a
[illegible] many

I am—Thy love unknown
roken every barrier down;
o be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
amb of God, I come!

L. M.

HOU that hear'st when sinners cry,
hough all my crimes before Thee lie,
l them not with angry look,
ot their memory from Thy book.

my nature pure within,
rm my soul averse to sin:
y good Spirit ne'er depart,
de Thy presence from my heart.

ot live without Thy light,
it and banished from Thy sight:
oly joys, my God, restore,
ard me that I fall no more.

h I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,
elp and comfort still afford;
t a wretch come near Thy throne,
ad the merits of Thy Son.

en heart, my God, my King,
he sacrifice I bring;
od of grace will ne'er despise
en heart for sacrifice.

il lies humbled in the dust,
ns Thy dreadful sentence just;
lown, O Lord, with pitying eye,
ve the soul condemned to die.

L. M.

E at Thy cross, my dying Lord,
lay my soul beneath Thy love,
the droppings of Thy blood,
nor shall it e'er remove.



3 But speak, ...
Am I not safe beneath ...
Thy vengeance will not strike m
Nor Satan dare my soul invad

4 Yes, I'm secure beneath Thy blo
And all my foes shall lose thei
Hosanna to my dying Lord.
And my best honors to His na

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O THOU who hear'st the pray
Wilt Thou not save a soul f
That casts itself on Thee?
I have no refuge of my own,
But fly to what my Lord hath d
And suffered once for me.

2 Slain in the guilty sinner's stead
His spotless righteousness I plea
... availing blood.

away:
h, or earthly things,
with eager wings,
day.

L. M.

d of sin were gone!
ıld at last submit,
ay it down—
at Jesus' feet!

long to find:
f mine Thou art,
k and lowly mind,
ne image on my heart.

e of inbred sin,
ıy spirit free:
pure within—
ly lost in Thee.

n of Thee, my God!
asy burden prove,—
ıed with hallowed blood
ıy dying love.

ou must give the power;
every sin release:
near the joyful hour,
h Thy perfect peace!

drooping sinner cheer,
ariot wheels delay;
or heart, appear;
aviour, come away

7a.

l, Thy suit prepare,
answer prayer;
d thee pray,
out delay.

2 With my burden I begin;
Lord! remove this load of sin!
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

3 Lord! I come to Thee for rest;
Take possession of my breast;
There Thy sovereign right maintain,
And without a rival reign.

4 Show me what I have to do,
Every hour my strength renew;
Let me live a life of faith,
Let me die thy people's death.

304 *Penitence.* L. M.

SHOW pity, Lord! O Lord, forgive!
Let a repenting sinner live,
Are not Thy mercies large and free?
May not the contrite trust in Thee?

2 With shame my numerous sins I trace
Against Thy law, against Thy grace;
And, though my prayer Thou shouldst not hear
My doom is just, and Thou art clear.

3 Yet save a penitent, O Lord!
Whose hope, still hovering round Thy word,
Seeks for some precious promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

4 My sins are great, but don't surpass
The riches of eternal grace.
Great God! Thy nature hath no bound:
So let Thy pardoning love be found.

5 Oh wash my soul from every stain,
Nor let the guilt I mourn remain.

a to hear Thy pardoning voice,
d my bleeding heart rejoice.

ıall Thy love inspire my tongue,
ɔn shall be all my song;
ery power shall join to bless
rd, my strength and righteousness.

7s.

IS, save my dying soul;
ke the broken spirit whole;
ed in the dust I lie;
; leave me not to die.

'ull of every grace,
veal Thy smiling face;
he joy of sin forgiven,
te of the bliss of heaven.

guilt to Thee is known—
rt righteous, Thou alone:
help is from Thy cross;
ides I count but loss.

n Thee I now believe;
hou—wilt Thou not forgive?
is at Thy feet I lie;
; leave me not to die.

MAN A SAINT

JUSTIFIED.

L. M.

ST *is the man*, for ever blest,
ose *guilt is* pardoned by his God,
ns *with* sorrow are confessed,
vered *with* his Saviour's blood.

2 Blest is the man to whom the Lord
Imputes not his iniquities;
He pleads no merit of reward,
And not on works, but grace, relies.

3 From guile his heart and lips are free;
His humble joy, his holy fear,
With deep repentance well agree,
And join to prove his faith sincere.

4 How glorious is that righteousness
That hides and cancels all his sins!
While a bright evidence of grace
Through his whole life appears and shines.

PARDONED. C. M.

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WHEN God revealed His gracious name,
And changed my mournful state,
My rapture seemed a pleasing dream,
The grace appeared so great.

2 The world beheld the glorious change,
And did Thy hand confess;
My tongue broke out in unknown strains,
And sang surprising grace.

3 "Great is the work," my neighbors cried
And owned Thy power divine;
"Great is the work," my heart replied,
"And be the glory Thine."

4 The Lord can clear the darkest skies
Can give us day for night;
Make drops of sacred sorrow rise
To rivers of delight.

that sow in sadness wait
fair harvest come;
l confess their sheaves are great,
ɔut the blessings home.

S. M.

'arious and how new
Thy compassions, Lord!
ning shall Thy mercies show,
ght Thy love record.

ıess, like the sun,
on our early days,
reason had begun
our lips to praise.

ct we beheld
easure to our eyes,
·e all our senses held
s of sweet surprise.

ıres more refined
l that blest day
ıt arose upon our mind
e our sins away.

ɔus and how new
y compassions, Lord!
Thy truth shall show,
Thy love record.

Grace. C. M.

ING grace! how sweet the sound,
saved a soul like me!
lost, but now am found,
id, but now I see.

that taught my heart to fear,
ce *my* fears relieved;

And g...

4 And when this flesh and heart
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

310 P. M.,

AM I called? and can it be,
Has my Saviour chosen me?
Guilty, wretched as I am,
Has He named my worthless name?
Vilest of the vile am I,
Dare I raise my hopes so high?

2 Am I called? I dare not stay,
May not, must not disobey;
Here, I lay me at Thy feet,
Clinging to the mercy-seat;
Thine I am and Thine alone;
Lord, with me Thy will be done.

What shall I bring

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OH how happy are they
Who the Saviour obey,
And have laid up their treasures above!
Tongue can never express
The sweet comfort and peace
Of a soul in its earliest love.

2 That sweet comfort was mine
When the favor divine
I received through the blood of the Lamb;
When my heart first believed,
What a joy I received!
What a heaven in Jesus' dear name!

3 'Twas a heaven below
My Redeemer to know;
And the angels could do nothing more
Than to fall at His feet,
And the story repeat,
And the Lover of sinners adore.

4 Jesus all the day long
Was my joy and my song;
Oh that all His salvation might see!
He hath loved me, I cried,
He hath suffered and died,
To redeem even rebels like me.

5 Oh the rapturous height
Of that holy delight
Which I felt in the life-giving blood\
Of my Saviour possessed,
I was perfectly blest,
As if filled with the fullness of God.

By God p...
A ground that shall e...
When earth and skies have passed ...

2 'Tis mercy,—mercy never ending,
Whose measure all our thoughts excel
The arms of pity wide extending
Of Him whose heart for sinners feels,
And whose compassion warns His foes
To fly from sin and endless woes.

3 Of all beside were I forsaken,
That could my soul or body cheer,—
If every joy of earth were taken,
And not a friend were left me here,—
One joy remains—the brightest, best:
With pardoning love I still am blest.

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MARY to her Saviour's tomb
...the early dawn:

ɑ at first she knew Him not,
ıen He called her by her name,
were all her griefs forgot,
· she found He was the same.

and sighing quickly fled
ıen she heard His welc ɔme voice;
ɔefore she thought Him dead;
w He bids her heart rejoice.

a change His word can make,
·ning darkness into day!
who weep for Jesus' sake,
will wipe your tears away.

H. M.

ɪISE, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears,
ɔleeding Sacrifice
my behalf appears;
e the throne my Surety stands,
ame is written on His hands.

·er lives above,
· me to intercede;
ll-redeeming love,
ı precious blood to plead;
lood atoned for all our race,
ɜprinkles now the throne of grace.

bleeding wounds He bears,
ɔeived on Calvary;
pour effectual prayers,
ɔy strongly speak for me;
ve him, oh forgive, they cry,
ɔt *that ransomed* sinner die.

ıther hears Him pray,
lear anointed One;

He cannot turn away
The presence of His Son;
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

5 My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear:
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father, Abba, Father! cry.

IN BODILY AND SPIRITUAL TRO

315

IN vain I trace creation o'er
In search of solid rest:
The whole creation is too poor,
Too mean to make me blest.

2 Let earth and all her charms depa
Unworthy of the mind;
In God alone this restless heart
Enduring bliss can find.

3 Thy favor, Lord, is all I want;
Here would my spirit rest:
Oh seal the rich, the boundless gra
And make me fully blest!

316

YOUR harps, ye trembling sain
Down from the willows take:
Loud to the praise of love divine
Bid every string awake.

2 *Though* in a foreign land,
We are not far from home;
And nearer to our house above
We every moment come.

rill to the end
and brighter shine;
t things, nor things to come,
ench the spark divine.

n darkness walk,
the heavenly flame,
e time to trust our God,
upon His name.

our doubts and fears
at His control;
kindness shall break through
night of the soul.

e man, O Lord,
ys himself on Thee;
for Thy salvation, Lord,
ıy salvation see.

C. M

Refuge of my weary soul,
hee, when sorrows rise—
when waves of trouble roll,
ting hope relies.

tell each rising grief,
ou alone canst heal;
can bring a sweet relief
ry pain I feel.

ı not bid me seek Thy face?
ll I seek in vain?
he ear of sovereign grace
when I complain?

he ear of sovereign grace
the mourner's prayer;
ever find access
e my sorrows there!

GENTLY, Lord
Through this lowly vale
Through the changes Thou'st decree
Till our last great change appears
Oh refresh us with Thy blessing—
Oh refresh us with Thy grace!
May Thy mercies, never ceasing,
Fit us for Thy dwelling-place.

2 When temptation's darts assail us,
When in devious paths we stray,
Let Thy goodness never fail us—
Lead us in Thy perfect way:
In the hour of pain and anguish—
In the hour when death draws nea
Suffer not our hearts to languish—
Suffer not our souls to fear.

3 When this mortal life is ended,
Bid us in Thine arms to rest,

ıy mournful thoughts complain,
lt in flowing tears:
'esistance, ah, how vain,
ong my foes and fears!

God, in whom I live,
le efforts aid;
o watch, and pray, and strive,
trembling and afraid.

ıy faith, increase my hope,
ıes and fears prevail;
ny fainting spirit up,
my strength will fail.

temptations fright my heart,
my feet aside,
'hy powerful aid impart,
rdian and my Guide.

ıe in Thy heavenly way,
the tempter flee;
ɜ never, never stray
ıppiness and Thee.

L. M.

ınafflicted, undismayed,
asure's path how long I strayed!
hast made me feel Thy rod,
l my soul to Thee, my God.

gh it pierced my fainting heart,
r hand that caused the smart;
ıy tears a while to flow,
me from eternal woe.

hou left me unchastised,
's I had still despised,
ɜ *snare*, in secret laid
'*ary feet* betrayed.



A[illegible] with me! a
tide,
The darkness deepens
abide!
When other helpers fail
Help of the helpless, oh

2 Swift to its close ebbs ou
Earth's joys grow dim
away;
Change and decay in all
O Thou who changest nc

3 I need Thy presence eve
What but Thy grace can
power?
Who like Thyself my
can be?
In life, in death, O Lord

A moment's sparkle o'er our tears,
Is dimmed and vanished too,—

4 Oh who could bear life's stormy doom,
Did not Thy wing of love
Come brightly wafting through the gloom
Our peace-branch from above?

5 Then sorrow, touched by Thee, grows bright
With more than rapture's ray;
As darkness shows us worlds of light
We never saw by day.

323 *Affliction.* C. M.

HEAR, gracious God, my humble moan,
To Thee I breathe my sighs:
When will the mournful night be gone?
When shall my joys arise?

2 Yet though my soul in darkness mourns,
Thy promise is my stay;
Here would I rest till light returns,
Thy presence makes my day.

3 Come, Lord, and with celestial peace,
Relieve my aching heart;
Oh smile, and bid my sorrows cease,
And all their gloom depart.

4 Then shall my drooping spirit rise,
And bless Thy healing rays,
And change these deep complaining sighs
For songs of sacred praise.

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OH my soul, what means this sadness?
Wherefore art thou thus cast down?
Let thy griefs be turned to gladness,
Bid thy restless fears be gone;
Look to Jesus,
And rejoice in His dear name.



3 Though ten thousand ill
From without and fro
Jesus saith He'll ne'er fo
But will save from hel
He is faithful
To perform His gracious

4 Though distresses now at
And thou tread'st the t
His right hand shall still
Soon He'll bring thee l
Therefore praise Hi
Praise the great Redeeme

5 Oh that I could now ador
Like the heavenly host
Who for ever bow before
And unceasing sing Hi
Happy songsters!
When shall I your chorus

3 The pilgrim, faint and near to sink
Beneath his load of earthly woe,
Refreshed beneath its verdant brink,
Rejoices in its gentle flow.

4 There, oh my soul, do thou repose,
And hover o'er the hallowed spring,
To drink the crystal wave, and there
To lave thy wounded, weary wing.

5 It may be that the waft of love
Some leaves on that pure tide hath driven,
Which, passing from the shores above,
Have floated down to us from heaven.

6 So shall thy wants and woes be healed
By the blest influence they bring;
So thy parched lips shall be unsealed,
Thy Saviour's worthy name to sing.

326 C. M.

WHEN languor and disease invade
This trembling house of clay,
'Tis sweet to look beyond my pains,
And long to fly away.

2 Sweet to look inward, and attend
The whispers of His love;
Sweet to look upward to the place
Where Jesus pleads above.

3 Sweet on His faithfulness to rest,
Whose love can never end;
Sweet on His covenant of grace
For all things to depend.

4 If such the sweetness of the streams,
What must the fountain be,
Where *saints and angels* draw their bliss
Immediately from Thee?



Will God, for thee engage?
No way of safety find?

2 Trust in the Lord! His favor
Will for thy wants provide,
Regard His word!—and ever
Thy work shall safe abide.
When sorrows here o'ertake t
And self-inflicted care,
Let not thy God forsake thee!
He listens for thy prayer.

3 Hope on! thou weak believer
Hope on, and falter not!
He will thy soul deliver
From deeps of troubled th
Thy graces He will nourish,
With hope thy heart empl



328 C. M.

WHEN musing sorrow weeps the past,
And mourns the present pain,
'Tis sweet to think of peace at last,
And feel that death is gain.

2 'Tis not that murmuring thoughts arise,
And dread a Father's will;
'Tis not that meek submission flies,
And would not suffer still.

3 It is that heaven-born faith surveys
The path that leads to light,
And longs her eagle plumes to raise,
And lose herself in sight.

4 Oh let me wing my hallowed flight
From earth-born woe and care,
And soar above these clouds of night,
My Saviour's bliss to share!

329 Psalm lxxi. C. M.

IN Thee I put my steadfast trust,
Defend me, Lord, from shame:
Incline Thine ear, and save my soul,
For righteous is Thy Name.

2 Be Thou my strong abiding-place,
To which I may resort:
Thy promise, Lord, is my defence,
Thou art my rock and fort.

3 My steadfast and unchanging hope
Shall on Thy power depend;
And I *in grateful* songs of praise
My time to come will spend.

4 *Thy righteous* acts and saving health
My mouth shall still declare,

Unable yet to count them all,
Though summed with utmost care.

5 While God vouchsafes me His support,
I'll in His strength go on;
All other righteousness disclaim,
And mention His alone.

6 Thou, Lord, hast taught me from my youth,
To praise Thy glorious Name;
And ever since, Thy wondrous works
Have been my constant theme.

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The Sailor.

330 TOSSED upon life's raging billow,
Sweet it is, O Lord, to know
Thou didst press a sailor's pillow,
And canst feel a sailor's woe.



2 Never slumbering, never sleeping,
Though the night be dark and drear,
Thou the faithful watch art keeping,
All, all's well, Thy constant cheer.

3 And though loud the wind is howling,
Fierce though flash the lightnings
Darkly though the storm clouds scow
O'er the sailor's anxious head,—

4 Thou canst calm the raging ocean,
All its noise and tumult still,
Hush the tempest's wild commotio
At the bidding of Thy will.

331 WHEN through the torn
tempest is streaming,
When o'er the dark wave
ning is gleaming,



: hope lends a ray the poor seaman to
cherish,
fly to our Maker: "Save, Lord, or we
perish."

esus, once rocked on the breast of the
billow,
)used by the shriek of despair from thy
pillow,
w seated in glory the mariner cherish,
.o cries in his anguish, "Save, Lord, or
we perish."

d oh! when the whirlwind of passion is
raging,
.en sin in our hearts its wild warfare is
waging,
:n send down Thy Spirit, Thy ransomed
to cherish,
)uke the destroyer; "Save, Lord, or we
perish."

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TAR of peace! to wand'rers weary,
Bright the beams that smile on me;
:er the pilot's vision dreary,
Far, far at sea.

r of hope! gleam on the billow,
Bless the soul that sighs for thee;
:ss the sailor's lonely pillow,
Far, far at sea.

r *of faith!* when winds are mocking
ll his toil, he flies to thee;
him, on the billows rocking,
Far, far at sea.

4 Star divine! oh safely guide him,—
Bring the wanderer home to Thee!
Sore temptations long have tried him,
Far, far at sea.

333 C. M.

HOW are Thy servants blest, O Lord!
How sure is their defence!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help Omnipotence.

2 In foreign realms, and lands remote,
Supported by Thy care,
Through burning climes I passed unhurt,
And breathed in tainted air.

3 Thy mercy sweetened every soil,
Made every region please;
The hoary Alpine hills it warmed,
And smoothed the Tyrrhene seas.

4 Think, oh my soul, devoutly think,
How with affrighted eyes
Thou sawest the wide-extended deep,
In all its horrors rise!

5 Confusion dwelt in every face,
And fear in every heart,
When waves on waves, and gulfs in gulfs,
O'ercame the pilot's art.

6 Yet then from all my griefs, O Lord,
Thy mercy set me free,
While, in the confidence of prayer,
My heart took hold on Thee.

7 For though in dreadful whirls we hung,
High on the broken wave,
I knew Thou wert not slow to hear,
Nor impotent to save.

m was laid, the winds retired,
ent to Thy will;
that roared at Thy command,
y command was still.

; of dangers, fears, and deaths,
oodness I'll adore,
ise Thee for Thy mercies past,
umbly hope for more.

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ıy happiness below
t to live without the cross;
Saviour's power to know,
fying every loss.

ıust and will befall;
ith humble faith to see
ıcribed upon them all,
s happiness to me.

eet no trials here,
astisement by the way,
not with reason fear
ıld be a cast-away?

ıake the promise sweet;
give new life to prayer;
e to my Saviour's feet,
ıe low, and keep me there.

SION TO THE WILL OF GOD.

L. M.

ill, *my heart!* these anxious cares
thee are burdens, thorns, and
ıres;
dishonor on thy Lord,
ıdict His gracious word.

2 Brought safely by His hand thus far,
Why wilt thou now give place to fear?
How canst thou want if He provide,
Or lose thy way with such a guide?

3 When first before His mercy-seat
Thou didst to Him thy all commit,
He gave thee warrant from that hour,
To trust His wisdom, love, and power.

4 Did ever trouble yet befall,
And He refuse to hear thy call?
And has He not His promise passed,
That thou shalt overcome at last?

5 Though rough and thorny be the road,
It leads thee home, apace, to God;
Then count thy present trials small,
For heaven will make amends for all.

336 L.]

THY will be done! I will not fear
The fate provided by Thy love;
Though clouds and darkness shroud i
here,
I know that all is bright above.

2 The stars of heaven are shining on,
Though these frail eyes are dimmed wi
tears;
The hopes of earth indeed are gone,
But are not ours th' immortal years?

3 Father! forgive the heart that clings,
Thus trembling, to the things of time
And bid my soul, on angel wings,
Ascend into a purer clime.

4 There shall no doubts disturb its trus
No sorrows dim celestial love;

ut these afflictions of the dust,
Like shadows of the night, remove.

ven now, above. there's radiant day,
While clouds and darkness brood below;
hen, Father, joyful on my way
To drink the bitter cup I go.

L. M.

OURAGE, my soul! while God is near,
What enemy hast thou to fear?
ow canst thou want a sure defence,
hose refuge is Omnipotence?

hough thickest dangers crowd my way
y God can chase my fears away;
y steadfast heart on Him relies,
nd all those dangers still defies.

ough billows after billows roll
overwhelm my sinking soul,
rm as a rock my faith shall stand,
held by God's almighty hand.

life, His presence is my aid;
death, 'twill guide me through the shade,
ase all my rising fears away,
nd turn my darkness into day.

C. M.

AM I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
nd shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name?

ust I be carried to the skies
n flowery beds of ease,
ile others fought to win the prize,
nd sailed through bloody seas?

3 Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

4 Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word.

5 Thy saints, in all this glorious war,
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar
With faith's discerning eye.

6 When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all Thine armies shine
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be Thine.

STEADFAST AND ABOUNDING IN GRACE.

339 *Not Ashamed of Christ.*

JESUS, and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of Thee—
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?

2 Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far
Let night disown each radiant star;
'Tis midnight with my soul till He,
Bright Morning Star, bid darkness flee.

3 Ashamed of Jesus! oh, as soon
Let morning blush to own the sun;
He sheds the beams of light divine
O'er this benighted soul of mine.

Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His Name.

Ashamed of Jesus! empty pride;
I'll boast a Saviour crucified;
And, oh may this my portion be,
My Saviour not ashamed of me.

40 L. M.

NO change of time shall ever shock
My firm affection, Lord, to Thee;
For Thou hast always been my rock,
A fortress and defence to me.

Thou my deliverer art, my God;
My trust is in Thy mighty power:
Thou art my shield from foes abroad,
At home my safeguard and my tower.

To Thee I will address my prayer,
To whom all praise we justly owe;
So shall I, by Thy watchful care,
Be guarded safe from every foe.

41 C. M.

AWAKE, my soul; stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high:

'Tis His own hand presents the prize
To thine uplifted eye,—

4 That prize, with peerless glories bright,
Which shall new lustre boast,
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
Shall blend in common dust.

342 Psalm cxix. C. M.

THOU art my portion, Oh my God!
Soon as I know Thy way,
My heart makes haste t' obey Thy word,
And suffers no delay.

2 I choose the path of heavenly truth,
And glory in my choice;
Not all the riches of the earth
Could make me so rejoice.

3 The testimonies of Thy grace
I set before mine eyes;
Thence I derive my daily strength,
And there my comfort lies.

4 Whene'er I wander from Thy path,
I think upon my ways;
Then turn my feet to Thy commands,
And trust Thy pardoning grace.

5 Now I am Thine, for ever Thine:
Oh save Thy servant, Lord!
Thou art my shield, my hiding-place;
My hope is in Thy word.

6 Thou hast inclined this heart of mine
Thy statutes to fulfill;
And thus till mortal life shall end
Would I perform Thy will.

343 *Watchfulness.* S. M.

YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of His heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,
For awful is His name.

3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak He's near;
Mark the first signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.

4 Oh happy servant he
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

344 L. M.

AWAKE, our souls, away, our fears,
Let every trembling thought be gone;
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

2 True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God,
Who feeds the strength of every saint.

3 The mighty God, whose matchless power
Is ever new, and ever young,
Shall firm endure while endless years
Their everlasting circles run.

4 *From Thee, the* ever-flowing spring,
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply;

While such as trust their native strength
Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
We'll mount aloft to Thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire amid the heavenly road.

345 S. M.

SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And gird your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son.

2 Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power,
The man who in the Saviour trusts
Is more than conqueror.

3 Stand, then, in His great might,
With all His strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God,—

4 That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
You may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand complete at last.

5 From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

6 Still let the Spirit cry,
In all His soldiers, "Come,"
Till Christ the Lord descends from high
And takes the conquerors home.

346 S. M.

MY soul, be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw Thee from the skies.

2 Oh watch, and fight, and pray;
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.

3 Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor lay thine armor down:
Thine arduous work will not be done
Till thou obtain thy crown.

4 Fight on, my soul, till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee, at thy parting breath,
To His divine abode.

THIRSTING AFTER GOD.

347 *Faith.*

ROCK of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy side, a healing flood,
Be of sin the double cure—
Save from wrath, and make me pure.

2 Should my tears for ever flow,
Should *my zeal no languor* know,
This for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone;
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.



JESUS, Saviour of m
Let me to Thy boso
While the waves of trou
While the tempest sti
Hide me, oh my Saviou
Till the storm of life
Safe into the haven guic
Oh receive my soul at

2 Other refuge have I non
Helpless clings my so
Leave, ah! leave me no
Still support and comf
All my trust on Thee is
All my help from The
Cover my defenceless he
With the shadow of T

at they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

eturn, O holy Dove! return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
And drove Thee from my breast.

he dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be;
elp me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.

o shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
nd purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

0 C. M.

OH that I knew the secret place
Where I might find my God!
'd spread my wants before His face,
And pour my woes abroad.

'd tell Him how my sins arise,
What sorrows I sustain;
ow grace decays and comfort dies,
And leaves my heart in pain.

e knows what arguments I'd take
To wrestle with my God:
'd plead for His own mercy's sake—
I'd plead my Saviour's blood.

y God will pity my complaints,
And drive my foes away;
knows the meaning of His saints
hen they in sorrow pray.



℣ The holy gospel
So let our works anc
To prove the doctrir

2 Thus shall we best p
The honors of our Sa
When the salvation
And grace subdues t

3 Our flesh and sense
Passion and envy, lu
While justice, tempe
Our inward piety ap

4 Religion bears our s
Whilst we expect tha
The bright appearan
And faith stands lean

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Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
Nearer to Thee!

3 There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
Nearer to Thee!

4 Then with my waking thoughts,
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs,
Bethel I'll raise;
So y my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
Nearer to Thee!

5 Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,—
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

353 Psalm xlii.

AS pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase;
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,
And Thy refreshing grace.

2 *For Thee, my God, the* living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh when shall I behold Thy face,
Thou Majesty divine?

3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Trust God; and He'll employ
His aid for thee, and change these sighs
To thankful hymns of joy.

4 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still; and thou shalt sing
The praise of Him who is Thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.

LUKEWARM AND BACKSLIDING.

354 Psalm vi. S. M.

IN mercy, not in wrath,
Rebuke me, gracious God!
Lest, if Thy whole displeasure rise
I sink beneath Thy rod.

2 Touched by Thy quickening power,
My load of guilt I feel;
The wounds Thy Spirit hath unclosed
Oh let that Spirit heal.

3 In trouble and in gloom
Must I for ever mourn?
And wilt Thou not, at length, O God,
In pitying love return?

4 Oh come, ere life expire,
Send down Thy power to save;
For who shall sing Thy Name in death,
Or praise Thee in the grave?

5 Why should I doubt Thy grace,
Or yield to dread despair?
Thou wilt fulfill Thy promised word,
And grant me all my prayer.

355 L. M.

OH for a glance of heavenly day,
To take this stubborn heart away,
And thaw with beams of love divine
This heart, this frozen heart of mine!

2 The rocks can rend; the earth can quake;
The seas can roar; the mountains shake;
Of feeling all things show some sign,
But this unfeeling heart of mine.

3 To hear the sorrows Thou hast felt,
O Lord, an adamant might melt;
But I can read each moving line,
And nothing moves this heart of mine.

4 Thy judgments too, which devils fear,
(Amazing thought!) unmoved I hear;
Goodness and wrath in vain combine
To stir this stupid heart of mine.

5 Eternal Spirit! mighty God!
Apply to me the Saviour's blood;
'Tis His rich blood, and His alone,
Can move and melt this heart of stone.

356 C. M.

HOW oft, alas! this wretched heart
Has wandered from the Lord!
How oft my roving thoughts depart,
Forgetful of His word!

2 Yet sovereign mercy calls, "Return:"
Dear Lord, and may I come?
My vile ingratitude I mourn;
Oh take the wanderer home.

And canst Thou, wilt Thou yet forgive
And bid my crimes remove?

And shall a pardoned rebel live
To speak Thy wondrous love?

4 Almighty grace, Thy healing power,
How glorious, how divine,
That can to life and bliss restore
So vile a heart as mine!

5 Thy pardoning love, so free, so sweet,
Dear Saviour, I adore:
Oh keep me at Thy sacred feet,
And let me rove no more.

357 C. M.

SWEET was the time when first I felt
The Saviour's pardoning blood,
Applied to cleanse my soul from guilt,
And bring me home to God.

2 Soon as the morn the light revealed,
His praises tuned my tongue;
And when the evening shades prevailed,
His love was all my song.

3 In prayer my soul drew near the Lord,
And saw His glory shine;
And when I read His holy word,
I called each promise mine.

4 Now when the evening shade prevails,
My soul in darkness mourns;
And when the morn the light reveals,
No light to me returns.

5 Now Satan threatens to prevail,
And make my soul his prey;
Yet, Lord, Thy mercies cannot fail;
Oh come without delay!

C. M.

heart to praise my God!—
t from sin set free,
t's sprinkled with the blood
shed for me,—

gned, submissive, meek—
Redeemer's throne,
Christ is heard to speak,
esus reigns alone.

vly, contrite heart,
, true, and clean;
her life nor death can part
m that dwells within!

every thought renewed,
of love divine;
l right, and pure, and good—
Lord, of Thine.

gracious Lord, impart;
ckly from above;
new name upon my heart,
best name of Love.

L. M.

hou insulted Spirit! stay,
I have done Thee such despite;
e sinner quite away,
Thine everlasting flight.

ave steeled my stubborn heart,
look off my guilty fears;
nd urged Thee to depart,
long rebellious years,—



T' exclude me from Th

5 This only woe I deprecat
This only plague I pra
Nor leave me in my lost
Nor curse me with this

6 E'en now my weary soul
Upraise me with Thy
And guide into Thy perf
And bring me to the p

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O THOU, whose merc
Contrition's humble
Whose hand, indulgent,
From sorrow's weeping

2 See! at Thy throne of gr

ING IN DELIVERANCE.

Psalm lxiii. L. M.

E, my soul in joyful lays,
sing thy great Redeemer's praise;
laims a song from me;
-kindness, oh how free!

e ruined in the fall,
me notwithstanding all;
ne from my lost estate;
-kindness, oh how great!

merous hosts of mighty foes,
rth and hell my way oppose,
leads my soul along;
-kindness, oh how strong!

ible, like a gloomy cloud,
red thick and thundered loud,
y soul has always stood;
-kindness, oh how good!

l my sinful heart
a my Jesus to depart;
h I have Him oft forgot,
-kindness changes not.

I pass the gloomy vale,
y mortal powers must fail;
y last expiring breath
-kindness sing in death.

e mount and soar away
ht world of endless day;
ith raptures and surprise,
indness in the skies.

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SAVIOUR, source of every blessing,
Tune my heart to grateful lays;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for ceaseless songs of praise.

2 Teach me some melodious measure,
Sung by raptured saints above;
Fill my soul with sacred pleasure,
While I sing redeeming love.

3 Thou didst seek me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
Thou, to save my soul from danger,
Didst redeem me with Thy blood.

4 By Thy hand restored, defended,
Safe through life thus far I've come;
Safe, O Lord, when life is ended,
Bring me to my heavenly home.

IN PROSPECT OF HEAVEN.

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FROM this world's joys and sensele
mirth,
Oh come, my soul! in haste retire;
Assume the grandeur of thy birth,
And to thy native heaven aspire.

2 'Tis heaven alone can make thee blest,
Can every wish and want supply;
Thy joy, thy crown, thy endless rest,
Are all above the lofty sky.

3 Eternal mansions! bright array!
Oh blest exchange! transporting thoug
Free from th' approaches of decay
Or the least shadow of a spot.

ere shall mortality no more
its wide-extended empire boast;
orgotten all its dreadful power,
In life's unbounded ocean lost.

There dwells the sovereign Lord of all,
The God that all the worlds adore;
With whom is bliss that cannot pall,
And joys that last for evermore.

364 C. M.

YE golden lamps of heaven, farewell,
With all your feeble light;
Farewell, thou ever-changing moon,
Pale empress of the night.

2 And thou, refulgent orb of day,
In brighter flames arrayed,
My soul, that springs beyond thy sphere,
No more demands thy aid.

3 Ye stars are but the shining dust
Of my divine abode—
The pavement of those heavenly courts,
Where I shall see my God.

4 The Father of eternal light
Shall there His beams display;
Nor shall one moment's darkness mix
With that unvaried day.

5 No more the drops of piercing grief
Shall swell into my eyes;
No more the noon-day sun decline,
Amid those brighter skies.

6 *There all the millions* of His saints
Shall in one song unite;
And each the bliss of all shall share,
With infinite delight.

365 7s.

LET me go, the day is breaking,
Dear companions, let me go;
We have spent a night of waking
In the wilderness below;
Upward now I bend my way;
Part we here at break of day.

2 Let me go; I may not tarry
Wrestling thus with doubts and fears;
Angels wait, my soul to carry
Where my risen Lord appears;
Friends and kindred, weep not so;
If ye love me, let me go.

3 We have travelled long together,
Hand in hand, and heart in heart,
Both through fair and stormy weather—
And 'tis hard—'tis hard to part:
While I sigh "Farewell" to you,
Answer, one and all, "Adieu."

4 'Tis not darkness gathering round me
That withdraws me from your sight;
Walls of flesh no more can bound me;
But, translated into light,
Like the lark on mounting wing,
Though unseen, you hear me sing.

5 Heaven's broad day hath o'er me broken
Far beyond earth's span of sky:
Am I dead? Nay, by this token
Know that I have ceased to die:
Would you solve the mystery?
Come up hither—come and see.

366 7s.

VITAL spark of heavenly flame!
Quit, oh quit this mortal frame!
Trembling, hoping, lingering, flying,
Oh the pain—the bliss of dying!

se, fond nature! cease thy strife,
l let me languish into life!

'k, they whisper—angels say,
ster spirit, come away!"
at is this absorbs me quite,
ıls my senses, shuts my sight,
·wns my spirit, draws my breath?
l me, my soul—can this be death?

: world recedes!—it disappears!
ıven opens on my eyes!—my ears
:h sounds seraphic ring!
ıd, lend your wings! I mount! I fly!
grave! where is thy victory?
death! where is thy sting?

L. M.

S when the weary traveler gains
_ The height of some commanding hill,
heart revives, if o'er the plains
Ie sees his home, though distant still,—

when the Christian pilgrim views
:y faith his mansion in the skies,
: sight his fainting strength renews,
.nd wings his speed to reach the prize.

: .ıope of heaven his spirit cheers;
[o more he grieves for sorrows past;
· any future conflict fears,
o he may safe arrive at last.

ord, on Thee our hopes we stay,
lead us on to Thine abode;
'ed Thy love will far o'erpay
hardest labors of the road.

368 L. M.

"WE'VE no abiding city here:"
This may distress the worldly mind;
But should not cost a saint a tear,
Who hopes a better rest to find.

2 "We've no abiding city here:"
Sad truth, were this to be our home;
But let this thought our spirits cheer,
"We seek a city yet to come."

3 "We've no abiding city here:"
Then let us live as pilgrims do;
Let not the world our rest appear;
But let us haste from all below.

4 "We've no abiding city here,"
We seek a city out of sight:
Zion its name,—the Lord is there,
It shines with everlasting light.

5 Oh sweet abode of peace and love,
Where pilgrims freed from toil are blest!
Had I the pinions of the dove,
I'd flee to Thee, and be at rest.

6 But hush, my soul, nor dare repine!
The time my God appoints is best:
While here to do His will be mine;
And His to fix my time of rest.

369 *Following Christ.* L. M.

JESUS, my all, to heaven is gone,
He whom I placed my hopes upon;
His track I see—and I'll pursue
The narrow way, till Him I view,—

way the holy prophets went,
oad that leads from banishment;
King's highway of holiness;
o, for all His paths are peace.

is the way I long have sought,
mourned because I found it not;
rief and burden long have been,
ıse I could not cease from sin.

more I strove against its power,
ned and stumbled but the more;
late I heard my Saviour say,
ne hither, soul, for I'm the way."

lad I come, and Thou, dear Lamb,
take me to Thee as I am:
ing but sin I Thee can give,
ing but love do I receive.

ell to all poor sinners round,
t a dear Saviour I have found;
oint to Thy redeeming blood,
say, "Behold the way to God."

P. M., 8s & 6s.

OW happy is the pilgrim's lot,
How free from every anxious thought,
From worldly hope and fear!
ined to neither court nor cell,
soul disdains on earth to dwell,
He only sojourns here.

happiness in part is mine;
ady *saved from* low design,
From every creature-love;
ed with the scorn of finite good—
*ul is light*ened of its load,
nd seeks the things above.

3 Though I no foot of land possess,
Nor cottage in this wilderness,
A poor wayfaring man:
I lodge awhile in tents below,
Or gladly wander to and fro
Till I my Canaan gain.

4 Nothing on earth I call my own;
A stranger to the world unknown,
I all their goods despise:
I trample on their whole delight,
And seek a city out of sight—
A city in the skies.

5 There is my house and portion fair,
My treasure and my heart are there,
And my abiding home;
For me my elder brethren stay,
And angels beckon me away,
And Jesus bids me come!

6 I come, Thy servant, Lord, replies,
I come, to meet Thee in the skies,
And claim my heavenly rest!
Now let the pilgrim's journey end;
Now, oh my Saviour, Brother, Friend,
Receive me to thy breast!

371 C. M.

ON Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2 Oh the transporting, rapturous scene,
That rises to my sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green,
And rivers of delight!

) generous fruits, that never fail,
trees immortal grow;
e rocks and hills, and brooks and vales
ith milk and honey flow.

o'er those wide extended plains
lines one eternal day;
re God the Son for ever reigns,
nd scatters night away.

chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
ckness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be for ever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Filled with delight, my raptured soul
Would here no longer stay;
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,
Fearless I'd launch away.

2 L. M.

WHILE on the verge of life I stand,
And view the scene on either hand,
My spirit struggles with my clay,
And longs to wing its flight away.

Where Jesus dwells my soul would be,
And faints my much-loved Lord to see:
Earth, twine no more about my heart!
For 'tis far better to depart.

Come, ye angelic envoys! come,
And lead the willing pilgrim home;
I know the way to Jesus' throne,—
Source of my joys, and of your own.



Performing, with
The present Savi

6 Yet, with these p
We'll wait Thy s
For, while Thy s
We find a heaven

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MID scenes o
complaints,
How sweet to my
saints!
To find at the b
room,
And feel in the pr
Home! home! s
Prepare me, dea
home

hough now my temptations like billows
may foam,
ll, all will be peace, when I'm with Thee
at home.
Home, &c.

hile here in the valley of conflict I stay,
give me submission and strength as my
day;
all my afflictions to Thee would I come,
joicing in hope of my glorious home.
Home, &c.

hate'er Thou deniest, oh give me Thy
grace,
e Spirit's sure witness, and smiles of
thy face;
lulge me with patience to wait at Thy
throne,
d find even now a sweet foretaste of
home.
Home, &c.

ong, dearest Lord, in Thy beauties to
shine,
more as an exile in sorrow to pine,
d in Thy dear image arise from the
tomb,
th glorified millions to praise Thee at
home.
Home, &c.

10s.

OYFULLY, joyfully onward I move,
Bound to the land of bright spirits
above;
lic choristers, sing as I come—
lly, joyfully haste to thy home!



...ding, they w
shore;
Singing, to cheer
ing gloom
Joyfully, joyfully
Sounds of sweet r
Harps of the bles
Rings with the
dome—
Joyfully, joyfully

3 Death, with thy
low,
Strike, king of ter
Jesus hath broker
Joyfully, joyfully
Bright will the m
Death shall be b
gone;
Joyfully, ...

3 The light my path surrounding,
The loves to which I cling,
The hopes within me bounding,
The joys that round me wing—
All, all, like stars at even,
Just gleam and shoot away,
Pass on before to heaven,
And chide at my delay.

4 The friends gone there before me,
Are calling from on high,
And happy angels o'er me
Tempt sweetly to the sky;
"Why wait," they say, "and wither,
'Mid scenes of death and sin?
Oh rise to glory hither,
And find true life begin!"

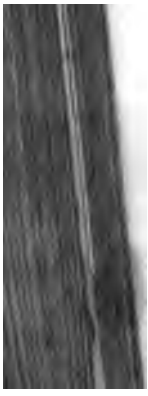
5 I hear the invitation,
And fain would rise and come,
A sinner to salvation,
An exile to his home;
And while I here must linger,
Thus, thus, let all I see
Point on with faithful finger
To heaven, O Lord, and Thee!

BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

876 Psalm i. S. M.

THE man is ever blest
Who shuns the sinners' ways;
Amongst their councils never stands,
Nor takes the scorner's place.

But makes the law of God
His study and delight,
Amidst the labors of the day,
And watches of the night.



Before the driving wind.

5 How will they bear to stand
Before that judgment-seat
Where all the saints at Chr
In full assembly meet?

6 He knows and He approve
The way the righteous g
But sinners and their work
A dreadful overthrow.

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WHEN gloomy thoug
The trembling hea
And all the face of nature
A universal shade,—

2 Religion can assuage
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5 Oh let me feel thy power,
And find thy sweet relief,
To brighten every gloomy hour,
And soften every grief.

378 C. M.

OH happy soul that lives on high
While men lie groveling here,
His hopes are fixed above the sky,
And faith forbids his fear.

2 His conscience knows no secret stings,
While grace and joy combine
To form a life, whose holy springs
Are hidden and divine.

3 He waits in secret on his God;
His God in secret sees.
Let earth be all in arms abroad,
He dwells in heavenly peace.

4 His pleasure rise from things unseen,
Beyond this world and time,
Where neither eyes nor ears have been,
Nor thoughts of mortals climb.

5 He looks to heaven's eternal hill,
To meet that glorious day,
When Christ His promise shall fulfill
And call his soul away.

379 S. M.

WHAT cheering words are these?
Their sweetness who can tell?
In time, *and to eternal* days
"'Tis with the righteous well."

2 In every state secure,
Kept as Jehovah's eye,



4 'Tis well, when joys
'Tis well, when so
'Tis well, when dark
And strong tempt

5 'Tis well, when Jesu
"From earth and
To join the hosts of
Made to salvation

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HAPPY the man
To mansions in
He looks on all the j
With undesiring e

2 In vain soft pleasure

His hopes are fixed on joys to come:
Those blissful scenes on high
Shall flourish in immortal bloom,
When time and nature die.

N RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

CONSECRATION.

1 H. M

CHRIST is our Corner-stone;
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled:
n His great love | Of present grace
ur hopes we place, | And joys above.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring!
Our voices we will raise,
The Three in One to sing;
nd thus proclaim | Both loud and long,
joyful song, | That glorious Name.

Here, gracious God, do Thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh:
copious shower, | Each holy day,
all who pray, | Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,—
il that day | To endless rest
n all the blest | Are called away.



And dying sinners
Hear Thou in heave
And when Thou h

3 Here, when Thy mes
The blessed gospel
Still by the power of
Be mighty signs an

4 When children's voic
Hosanna to their h
Let heaven, with eart
Hosanna! let the ar

5 But will, indeed, Jeho
Here to abide, no tr
Here will our great R
And here the Holy

6 Thy glory never hence
Yet choose not Lor

2 Up to Thy throne we lift our eyes,
For blessings to attend our choice,
Of such whose generous, prudent zeal
Shall make Thy favored ways rejoice.

3 When pastor, saints, and poor they serve,
May their own hearts with grace be crowned;
While patience, sympathy and joy
Adorn, and through their lives abound.

4 By purest love to Christ and truth,
Oh may they win a good degree
Of boldness in the Christian faith,
And meet the smile of Thine and Thee.

5 And when the work to them assigned,
The work of love is fully done,
Call them, from serving tables here,
To sit around Thy glorious throne.

NEW YEAR.

384 7s.

WHILE with ceaseless course the sun
Hasted through the former year,
Many souls their race have run,
Never more to meet us here:
Fixed in an eternal state,
They have done with all below:
We a little longer wait—
But how little, none can know.

2 As the wingéd arrow flies
Speedily the mark to find;
As the lightning from the skies
Darts and leaves no trace behind—
Swiftly thus our fleeting days
Bear us down life's rapid stream;
Lord, our expectations raise—
All belo v is but a dream.



And when life'
May we reig

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GREAT GC
hand
By which suppc
The opening ye
Let mercy crow

2 By day, at night
Still we are gua
By His incessan
By His unerring

3 With grateful he
The future, all tc
We to Thy guarc
And, peaceful, le

4 In scenes exalted

lengthens out our trial here,
spares us yet another year.

ɜn and withered trees,
ɜ cumbered long the ground;
'uit of holiness
our dead souls was found;
loth He us in mercy spare
her and another year.

n justice gave the word
cut the fig-tree down,
pity of our Lord
.ed, "Let it still alone:"
Father mild inclines His ear,
spares us yet another year.

ı, Thy speaking blood
ɔm God obtained the grace,
therefore hath bestowed
us a longer space:
didst in our behalf appear,
lo, we see another year!

dig about our root,
ɜak up our fallow ground,
let our gracious fruit
Thy great praise abound;
ɜt us all Thy praise declare,
fruit unto perfection bear.

.INING INSTRUMENTALITIES.

MISSIONS.

C. M.

'the nations, O our God!
strain the earth to come;
Thy victorious word abroad,
bring the strangers home.

2 We long to see Thy churches full,
That all Thy faithful race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

388 C. M.

LORD, send Thy word, and let it fly,
Armed with Thy Spirit's power,
Ten thousand shall confess its sway,
And bless the saving hour.

2 Beneath the influence of Thy grace,
The barren wastes shall rise,
With sudden greens and fruits arrayed,
A blooming paradise.

3 True holiness shall strike its root
In each regenerate heart;
Shall in a growth divine arise,
And heavenly fruits impart.

4 Peace, with her olives crowned, shall stretch
Her wings from shore to shore;
No trump shall rouse the rage of war,
Nor murderous cannon roar.

5 Lord, for those days we wait—those days
Are in Thy word foretold;
Fly swifter, sun and stars, and bring
This promised age of gold!

6 Amen, with joy divine, let earth's
Unnumbered myriads cry;
Amen, with joy divine, let heaven's
Unnumbered choirs reply.

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FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,—
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen, in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone!

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,—
Shall we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, oh salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till each remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign!

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MEN of God, go take your stations;
Darkness reigns throughout the earth;
Go proclaim among the nations,
Joyful news of heavenly birth:
Bear the tidings
Of the Saviour's matchless worth.

2 Of His gospel not ashamed,
As "the power of God to save:"
Go where Christ was never named;
Publish freedom to the slave!
Blessed freedom!
Such as Zion's children have.

3 What though earth and hell, united,
Should oppose the Saviour's plan?
Plead His cause, nor be affrighted:
Fear ye not the face of man:
Vain their tumult;
Hurt His work they never can.

4 When exposed to fearful dangers,
Jesus will His own defend,
Borne afar 'midst foes and strangers,
Jesus will appear your friend:
And His presence
Shall be with you to the end.

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L. M

INDULGENT God, to Thee we pray
Be with us on this solemn day;
Smile on our souls, our plans approve,
By which we seek to spread Thy love

2 Let party prejudice be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one;
Let all we have and are, combine
To aid this glorious work of Thine.

us to men of upright mind,
ted, diligent and kind;
grace be all their hearts endowed,
light to guide them in the road.

cheerful steps may they proceed,
e'er Thy providence shall lead;
eaven and earth their work befriend,
mercy all their paths attend.

t let the bands of those be found
shall attend the gospel sound:
let barbarians, bond and free,
ppliant throngs resort to Thee.

re pagan altars now are built,
blood of beasts or men is spilt,
e be the bleeding cross high reared,
God, our God, alone revered.

re captives groan beneath their chain,
race and love and concord reign;
aged and the infant tongue
e in one harmonious song.

Isaiah lx.

SE, crowned with light, imperial Salem, rise;
t thy towering head and lift thine eyes:
ieaven its sparkling portals wide display,
break upon thee in a flood of day.

long race thy spacious courts adorn,
ture sons and daughters yet unborn
wding ranks on every side arise,
ding life, impatient for the skies.



decay,
Rocks fall to dust, and mo
away;
But fixed His word, His s
remains;
Thy realm shall last, thy
reigns.

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YES, my native land, I lo
All thy scenes, I love th
Friends, connections, happy c
Can I bid you all farewell?
Can I leave you,
Far in distant lands to dwe

2 Home, thy joys are passing l
Joys no stranger's heart ca
Happy home, 'tis sure I love

Far away, ye billows, bear me;
Lovely native land, farewell!
Pleased I leave thee—
Far in heathen lands to dwell.

In the desert let me labor,
On the mountain let me tell
How He died, the blessed Saviour,
To redeem a world from hell!
Let me hasten,
Far in heathen lands to dwell.

Bear me on, thou restless ocean,
Let the winds my canvass swell;
Heaves my heart with warm emotion,
While I go far hence to dwell:
Glad I leave thee,
Native land, farewell! farewell!

394 7s & 8s.

ROLL on, thou mighty ocean;
And, as thy billows flow,
Bear messengers of mercy
To every land below.

Arise, ye gales, and waft them
Safe to the destined shore,
That man may sit in darkness
And death's deep shade no more.

Oh Thou eternal Ruler,
Who holdest in Thine arm
The tempests of the ocean,
Protect them from all harm.

Oh be Thy presence with them,
Wherever they may be;
Though far from us who love them,
Still let them be with Thee.

395 C.M.

DAUGHTER of Zion, from the dust
Exalt thy fallen head;
Again in Thy Redeemer trust,—
He calls thee from the dead.

2 Awake, awake, put on thy strength,
Thy beautiful array;
The day of freedom dawns at length,—
The Lord's appointed day.

3 Rebuild thy walls, thy bounds enlarge,
And send thy heralds forth;
Say to the south,—Give up thy charge!
And,—Keep not back, oh north!

4 They come, they come: Thine exiled bands
Where'er they rest or roam,
Have heard Thy voice in distant lands,
And hasten to their home.

396 L.M.

HIGH on the bending willows hung,
Israel, still sleeps the tuneful string!
Still mute remains the sullen tongue,
And Sion's song denies to sing!

2 Awake! thy loudest raptures raise,
Let harp and voice unite their strains:
Thy promised King His sceptre sways;
Behold, thy own Messiah reigns.

3 By foreign streams no longer roam,
And, weeping, think on Jordan's flow'
In every clime behold a home;
In every temple see thy God.

4 No taunting foes the song require;
No strangers mock thy captive chain;
Thy friends provoke the silent lyre,
And brethren ask the holy strain.

5 Then why on bending willows hung,
Israel, still sleeps the tuneful string!
Why mute remains the sullen tongue,
And Sion's song delays to sing!

TRAINING OF YOUTH.

397 C. M.

BESTOW, O Lord, upon our youth
The gift of saving grace,
And let the seed of sacred truth
Fall in a fruitful place.

2 Grace is a plant, where'er it grows,
Of pure and heavenly root;
But fairest in the youngest shows,
And yields the sweetest fruit.

3 Ye careless ones, betimes obey
The voice of sovereign love!
Ye rove in folly's dangerous way,
But mercy reigns above.

4 For you the public prayer is made,
Oh join the public prayer!
For you the secret tear is shed,
Oh shed yourselves a tear!

398 L. M.

DEAR Saviour, if these lambs should *stray*
From Thy secure enclosure's bound,
And, lured by worldly joys away,
Among the thoughtless crowd be found

2 Remember still that they are Thine,
That Thy dear sacred name they bear,
Think that the seal of love divine,—
The sign of covenant grace they wear.

3 In all their erring, sinful years,
Oh let them ne'er forgotten be;
Remember all the prayers and tears
Which made them consecrate to Thee.

4 And when these lips no more can pray,
These eyes can weep for them no more,
Turn Thou their feet from folly's way,
The wanderers to Thy fold restore.

399 L. M.

NOW, in the heat of youthful blood,
Remember your Creator, God:
Behold, the months come hastening on,
When you shall say, "My joys are gone."

2 God from on high beholds your thoughts,
His book records your secret faults:
The works of darkness men have done
Must all appear before the sun.

3 Behold the aged sinner goes,
Laden with guilt and heavy woes,
Down to the regions of the dead,
With bitterest curses on his head.

4 The dust returns to dust again;
The soul in agonies of pain
Ascends to God, not there to dwell,
But hears her doom, and sinks to hell.

5 God of the young! turn off their eyes
From earth's alluring vanities;
And let the warnings of Thy word
Awake their souls to fear the Lord!

C. M.

[APPY is he whose early years
Receive instruction well;
ho hates the sinner's path, and fears
The road that leads to hell.

s easier work, if we begin
To serve the Lord betimes;
hile sinners, who grow old in sin,
Are hardened by their crimes.

saves us from a thousand snares,
To mind religion young:
ith joy it crowns succeeding years,
And makes our virtue strong.

Thee, almighty God! to Thee
Our hearts we now resign:
will please us to look back and see
That our whole lives were Thine!

C. M.

/E hearts with youthful vigor warm,
In smiling crowds draw near;
id turn from every mortal charm,
A Saviour's voice to hear.

, Lord of all the worlds on high,
Stoops to converse with you,
id lays His radiant glories by,
Your friendship to pursue.

'he soul that longs to see my face,
Is sure my love to gain;
id those that early seek my grace,
'hall never seek in vain."

t object, Lord, my soul should move
nce compared with Thee?

What beauty should command my love,
Like that in Christ I see?

5 Away, ye false, delusive toys,
Vain tempters of the mind!
'Tis here I fix my lasting choice,
And here true bliss I find.

402 C.M

BY cool Siloam's shady rill
How fair the lily grows!
How sweet the breath, beneath the hill,
Of Sharon's dewy rose!

2 Lo! such the child whose early feet
The paths of peace have trod,
Whose secret heart, with influence swee
Is upward drawn to God.

3 By cool Siloam's shady rill
The lily must decay;
The rose that blooms beneath the hill
Must shortly fade away.

4 And soon, too soon, the wintry hour
Of man's maturer age
Will shake the soul with sorrow's pow
And stormy passion's rage.

5 O Thou, who givest life and breath,
We seek Thy grace alone,
In childhood, manhood, age, and death
To keep us still Thine own.

403 C

BLEST is the man whose heart ex
At melting pity's call,
And the rich blessings of whose ha
Like heavenly manna fall.

Mercy, descending from above,
In softest accents pleads;
Oh may each tender bosom move
When mercy intercedes.

Be ours the bliss in wisdom's way
To guide untutored youth,
And lead the mind that went astray
To virtue and to truth.

Children our kind protection claim,
And God will well approve
When infants learn to lisp His name
And their Creator love.

Delightful work! young souls to win,
And turn the rising race
From the deceitful paths of sin,
To seek redeeming grace.

Almighty God! Thine influence shed
To aid this good design:
The honors of Thy name be spread,
And all the glory Thine.

404 *The First Great Object.* C. M.

RELIGION is the chief concern
Of mortals here below;
May I its great importance learn,
Its sovereign virtue know!

More needful this than glittering wealth,
Or aught the world bestows;
Nor reputation, food or health,
Can give us such repose.

Religion should our thoughts engage,
Amidst our youthful bloom;
Twill fit us for declining age,
And for the awful tomb.

4 Oh may my heart, by grace renewed,
Be my Redeemer's throne;
And be my stubborn will subdued,
His government to own.

5 Let deep repentance, faith, and love
Be joined with godly fear;
And all my conversation prove
My heart to be sincere.

IN RELATION TO CIVIL GOVER MENT.

PUBLIC CALAMITY.

405 L.

ON Thee, great Ruler of the skies,
On Thee our steadfast hope relies;
When hostile powers against us join,
What aid so present, Lord, as Thine?

2 By Thee secured, no fears we own,
Though earth, convulsed, beneath us gro
Though tempests o'er her surface sweep
And whirl her hills into the deep;

3 Though, armed with rage, before our ey
That deep in all its horrors rise,
While, as the tumult spreads around,
The mountains tremble at the sound.

4 Behold fair Sion's blest retreat,
Where God has fixed His awful seat;
Whose walls to heaven's almighty Lord
His chosen residence afford.

5 God, ever watchful, ever nigh,
Bids storms around her harmless fly;
His early care each foe withstands,
And backward turns the yielding b

406 C. M.

PROTECT us, Lord, from fatal harm;
Behold our rising woes;
We trust alone Thy powerful arm,
To scatter all our foes.

Their tongue is like a poisoned dart,
Their thoughts are full of guile;
While rage and carnage swell their heart,
They wear a peaceful smile.

3 O God of grace, Thy guardian care,
When foes without invade,
Or spread within a deeper snare,
Supplies our constant aid.

4 Let falsehood flee before Thy face,
Thy heavenly truth extend,
All nations taste Thy heavenly grace,
And all delusions end.

5 With daily bread the poor supply,
The cause of justice plead;
And be Thy Church exalted high,
With Christ, the glorious Head.

407 C. M.

SEE, gracious God, before Thy throne
Thy mourning people bend!
'Tis on Thy sovereign grace alone
Our humble hopes depend.

Tremendous judgments from Thy hand
Thy dreadful power display;
Yet *mercy spares this* guilty land,
And still we live to pray.

What land so favored of the skies
As these apostate States!

Our numerous crimes increasing rise,
Yet still Thy vengeance waits.

4 How changed, alas! are truths divine
For error, guilt, and shame!
What impious numbers, bold in sin,
Disgrace the Christian's name!

5 Regardless of Thy smile or frown,
Their pleasures they require;
And sink with gay indifference down
To everlasting fire.

6 Oh turn us, turn us, mighty Lord,
By Thy unbounded grace;
Then shall our hearts obey Thy word,
And humbly seek Thy face.

7 Then, should insulting foes invade,
We shall not sink in fear;
Secure of never-failing aid,
If God, our God is near.

408 L.

HEAR us, O Lord, in time of need,
And let Thy name our cause defen
Grant that our efforts may succeed,
And victory on our steps attend.

2 On horse and chariot some rely,
And some in numbers make their boa
Our trust is in the Lord most high;
His favor is itself a host.

3 In His salvation we rejoice,
And lift our banners in His name;
Lord, hear our supplicating voice,
And put our haughty foes to shan

d over us Thy sheltering wing,
l bless with peace our favored land;
we may still Thy glory sing,
whose protecting care we stand.

THANKSGIVING.

raise for Deliverance and Peace. P. M.

ACE! the welcome sound proclaim;
)well with rapture on the theme:
still louder swell the strain;
on earth! good-will to men!

es! whispering soft and low,
y murmur as ye blow,
when war and discord cease,
:s to the God of peace.

's billows far and wide,
ıg in majestic pride!
still louder swell the strain:
on earth! good-will to men!

songsters of the grove!
ly chant in notes of love,
when war and discord cease,
:s to the God of peace.

ıls, who these blessings feel!
:ians, who before Him kneel!
still louder swell the strain:
on earth, good-will to men!

Psalm xlvii.

all ye people, clap your hands,
nd with triumphant voices sing;
e the mighty power withstands
d, the universal King.

2 He shall assaulting foes repel,
And with success our battles fight;
Shall fix the place where we must dwell,
The pride of Jacob His delight.

3 God is gone up, our Lord and King,
With shouts of joy and trumpet's sound;
To Him repeated praises sing,
And let the cheerful song rebound.

4 Your utmost skill in praise be shown,
From Him who all the world commands:
Who sits upon His righteous throne,
And spreads His sway o'er heathen lands.

HARVEST.

411 Psalm lxv. L. M.

ETERNAL Source of every joy!
Well may Thy praise our lips employ,
While in Thy temple we appear
To hail Thee Sovereign of the year.

2 Wide as the wheels of nature roll,
Thy hand supports and guides the whole;
The sun is taught by Thee to rise,
And darkness when to veil the skies.

3 The flowery spring, at Thy command,
Perfumes the air and paints the land:
The summer rays with vigor shine
To raise the corn and cheer the vine.

4 Thy hand, in autumn, richly pours
Through all our coast redundant stores,
And winters, softened by Thy care,
No more the face of horror wear.

, and months, and weeks, and days,
d successive songs of praise;
the grateful homage paid
norning light and evening shade.

n Thy house let incense rise,
rcling Sabbaths bless our eyes,
those lofty heights we soar,
days and years revolve no more.

7s.

ISE to God, immortal praise,
)r the love that crowns our days;
:ous source of every joy,
ıy praise our tongues employ:
Thee, our God, we owe,
whence all our blessings flow,—

: blessings of the fields,
: stores the garden yields,
that whiten all the plain,
r sheaves of ripened grain:
:or these our souls shall raise
ıl vows and solemn praise.

that drop their fattening dews
ıat genial warmth diffuse,
: plenty summer pours,
ın's rich, o'erflowing stores:
for Thee our souls shall raise
ıl vows and solemn praise.

prosperity, and health,
e *bliss and public* wealth,
:dge, with its gladdening streams,
ligion's holier beams:
these our souls shall raise
vows and solemn praise.

5 Yet, should rising whirlwinds tear
From its stem the ripening ear;
Though the sickening flock should fall,
And the herd desert the stall:
Still to Thee our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

6 Should Thine altered hand restrain
The early and the latter rain,
Blast each opening bud of joy,
And the rising year destroy:
Still to Thee our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

7 Life and grace, whate'er our woe,
Still to Thee, our God, we owe;
Though of earthly hopes bereft,
Yet our hope of heaven is left;
And for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

LIFE.

ITS BREVITY.

413 C. P. M.

MY days, my weeks, my months, my years,
Fly rapid as the whirling spheres
Around the steady pole;
Time, like the tide, its motion keeps,
And I must launch through endless deep
Where endless ages roll.

2 The grave is near the cradle seen,
How swift the moments pass between!
And whisper as they fly—
Unthinking man, remember this,
Thou, 'midst thy sublunary bliss,
Must groan, and gasp, and die!

But shall my soul be then extinct,
And cease to be, or cease to think?
Great God! it cannot be;
Thou, soul immortal! canst not die;
What wilt thou do, or whither fly,
When death shall set thee free?

My soul, attend the solemn call,
Thine earthly tent must quickly fall,
And thou must take thy flight,
Beyond the vast ethereal blue,
To love and sing as angels do,
Or sink in endless night.

14 C. M.

DEATH rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour!

Our eyes have seen the rosy light
Of youth's soft cheek decay;
And fate descend in sudden night
On manhood's middle day.

Our eyes have seen the steps of age
Halt feebly to the tomb;
And yet shall earth our hearts engage,
And dreams of days to come?

Then, mortal, turn! thy danger know;
Where'er thy foot can tread,
The earth rings hollow from below,
And warns thee of her dead!

Turn, mortal, turn! thy soul apply
To truths divinely given:
The dead, who underneath thee lie,
Shall live for hell or heaven!



...the lovely

2 Oh what is life?—
That glistens in
We love to see its
But while we lo
Life fails as soon:-
To-morrow it may

3 Lord, what is life?
In humble praise
How long or short
We feel no anxio
Though life depart,
When life and all i

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HOW short and
How vast

4 How we deserve the deepest hell,
That slight the joys above!
What chains of vengeance should we fee
That break such cords of love!

5 Draw us, O Saviour, with Thy grace,
And lift our thoughts on high,
That we may end this mortal race,
And see salvation nigh.

417 7s &

TIME is winging us away
To our eternal home;
Life is but a winter's day—
A journey to the tomb;
Youth and vigor soon will flee,
Blooming beauty lose its charms;
All that's mortal soon shall be
Inclosed in death's cold arms.

2 Time is bearing us away
To our eternal home;
Life is but a winter's day—
A journey to the tomb;
But the saints shall soon enjoy
Life—immortal life above,
Where no worldly griefs annoy,
Where Jesus reigns in love.

ITS UNCERTAINTY.

418 L

OFT as the bell, with solemn toll,
Speaks the departure of a soul,
Let each one ask himself, "Am I
Prepared, should I be called to die?

2 Only this frail and fleeting breath
Preserves me from the jaws of death;
Soon as it fails, at once I'm gone,
And plunged into a world unknown.

3 Then, leaving all I loved below,
To God's tribunal I must go;
Must hear the Judge pronounce my fate,
And fix my everlasting state.

4 Lord Jesus! help me now to flee,
And seek my hope alone in Thee;
Apply Thy blood, Thy Spirit give,
Subdue my sin, and let me live.

5 Then when the solemn bell I hear,
If saved from guilt, I need not fear;
Nor would the thought alarming be,
Perhaps it next may toll for me.

419 C. L. M.

GO, watch and pray! thou canst not tell
How near thine hour may be;
Thou canst not know how soon the bell
May toll its notes for thee.
Death's countless snares beset thy way!
Frail child of dust, go watch and pray!

2 Fond youth, while free from blighting care,
Does thy firm pulse beat high?
Do hope's glad visions, bright and fair,
Dilate before thine eye?
Soon these must change, must pass away;
Frail child of dust, go watch and pray.

3 Thou aged man, life's wintry storm
Hath seared thy vernal bloom;
With trembling limbs, and wasting form
Thou'rt bending o'er thy tomb:

And can vain hope lead thee astray?
Go, weary pilgrim, watch and pray.

4 Ambition, stop thy panting breath!
Pride, sink thy lifted eye!
Behold the caverns, dark with death,
Before you open lie:
The heavenly warning now obey;
Ye sons of pride, go watch and pray.

ITS DUTIES AND OBJECT.

420 L. C.

ALAS! how poor and little worth
Are all those glittering toys of ea
That lure us here!
Dreams of a sleep that death must brea
Alas! before it bids us wake,
They disappear.

2 Where is the strength that spurned dec
The step that rolled so light and gay,
The heart's blithe tone?
The strength is gone, the step is slow,
And joy grows weariness and woe
When age comes on.

3 Our birth is but a starting-place;
Life is the running of the race,
And death the goal:
There all those glittering toys are brou
That path alone, of all unsought,
Is found of all.

4 Oh let the soul its slumbers break,
Arouse *its senses*, and awake
To see how soon
Life, like its glories, glides away,
And the stern footsteps of decay
Come stealing on.

421 L. M.

BEHOLD the path that mortals tread
Down to the regions of the dead!
Nor will the fleeting moments stay,
Nor can we measure back our way.

2 Our kindred and our friends are gone:
Know, oh my soul, this doom thine own
Feeble as theirs, my mortal frame,
The same my way, my house the same.

3 And must I, from the cheerful light,
Pass to the grave's perpetual night?
From scenes of duty, means of grace,
Must I to God's tribunal pass?

4 Awake, my soul, thy way prepare,
And lose, in this, each mortal care;
With steady feet that path be trod,
Which through the grave conducts to God.

422 L. M.

LIFE is the time to serve the Lord,
The time t' insure the great reward;
And while the Spirit gives concern
The vilest sinner may return.

2 The living know that they must die;
But all the dead forgotten lie;
Their memory and their sense are gone,
Alike unknowing and unknown.

3 Their hatred, and their love, is lost,
Their envy buried in the dust;
They have no share in all that's done
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands, with all your might pursue,
Since no device, nor work, is found,
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

23 C. P. M.

AND am I only born to die?
And must I suddenly comply
With nature's stern decree?
What after death for me remains?
Celestial joys, or hellish pains,
To all eternity.

2 How then ought I on earth to live,
While God prolongs the kind reprieve,
And props the house of clay?
My sole concern, my single care,
To watch, and tremble, and prepare
Against that fatal day.

3 No room for mirth or trifling here,
For worldly hope, or worldly fear,
If life so soon is gone;
If now the Judge is at the door,
And all mankind must stand before
Th' inexorable throne!

4 No matter which my thoughts employ,
A moment's misery or joy;
But, oh when both shall end,
Where shall I find my destined place?
Shall I my everlasting days
With fiends or angels spend?

5 Nothing is worth a thought beneath,
But how I may escape the death
That never, never dies!
How make mine own election sure;
And when I fail on earth, secure
A mansion in the skies.



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THEE we adore, et
And humbly own
How feeble is our mo
What dying worms

2 Our wasting lives are
As months and day
And every beating pu
Leaves but the num

3 Dangers stand thick th
To push us to the to
And fierce diseases wa
To hurry mortals h

4 Great God! on what a
Hang everlasting th

425 C. M.

TEACH me the measure of my days,
Thou Maker of my frame!
I would survey life's narrow space,
And learn how frail I am.

A span is all that we can boast;
A fleeting hour of time:
Man is but vanity and dust,
In all his flower and prime.

See the vain race of mortals move,
Like shadows o'er the plain:
They rage and strive, desire and love,
But all the noise is vain.

Some walk in honor's gaudy show;
Some dig for golden ore;
They toil for heirs, they know not who,
And straight are seen no more.

What should I wish or wait for then,
From creatures, earth and dust?
They make our expectations vain,
And disappoint our trust.

Now I resign my earthly hope,
My fond desires recall;
I give my mortal interest up,
And make my God my all.

DEATH.

426 S. H. M.

FRIEND after friend departs:
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end:

Were this frail world our final rest,
Living or dying, none were blest.

2 Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond this vale of death,
There surely is some blessed clime
Where life is not a breath,—
Nor life's affections transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upward to expire.

3 There is a world above,
Where parting is unknown,
A whole eternity of love,
Formed for the good alone;
And faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that happier sphere.

4 Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines,
To pure and perfect day:
Nor sink those stars in empty night—
They hide themselves in heaven's
light.

427

ASLEEP in Jesus! blessed sleep!
From which none ever wakes to
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

2 Asleep in Jesus! oh how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence to sing
That death hath lost its venomed stin

3 Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest!
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear—no woe, shall dim that h
That manifests the Saviour's pow

, in Jesus! oh for me
uch a blissful refuge be:
ely shall my ashes lie,
wait the summons from on high.

p in Jesus! time nor space
rs this precious "hiding-place:"
ndian plains, or Lapland snows,
evers find the same repose.

ep in Jesus! far from Thee
kindred and their graves may be:
there is still a blessed sleep,
m which none ever wakes to weep.

C. M.

HARK! from the tombs a doleful sound;
My ears attend the cry:
Ye living men, come view the ground
Where you must shortly lie.

Princes, this clay must be your bed
In spite of all your towers!
The tall, the wise, the reverend head,
Must lie as low as ours."

Great God! is this our certain doom?
And are we still secure?
Still walking downward to the tomb,
And yet prepare no more?

Grant us the power of quickening grace
To fit our souls to fly;
Then, when we drop this dying flesh,
We'll rise above the sky.

8s & 4

THERE is a calm for those who weep,
A rest for weary pilgrims found;
They softly lie, and sweetly sleep,
Low in the ground.

2 The storm that wrecks the winter sky
No more disturbs their sweet repose
Than summer evening's latest sigh,
That shuts the rose.

3 Thou traveler in this vale of tears,
To realms of everlasting light,
Through time's dark wilderness of years
Pursue thy flight.

4 Whate'er thy lot—where'er thou be—
Confess thy folly—kiss the rod;
And in thy chastening sorrows see
The hand of God.

5 Though long of winds and waves the sport,
Condemned in wretchedness to roam,
Thou soon shalt reach a sheltering port,
A quiet home.

430 C. P. M.

WHEN life's tempestuous storms are o'er,
How calm he meets the friendly shore
Who lived averse from sin!
Such peace on virtue's path attends,
That, where the sinner's pleasure ends,
The Christian's joys begin.

2 See smiling patience smooth his brow!
See bending angels downward bow
To lift his soul on high!
While, eager for the blest abode,
He joins with them to praise the God
Who taught him how to die.

3 No sorrow drowns his lifted eyes;
No horror wrests the struggling sighs,
As from the sinner's breast:

His God, the God of peace and love,
Pours kindly solace from above,
And heals his soul with rest.

Oh grant, my Saviour and my Friend!
Such joys may gild my peaceful end,
So calm my evening close,
While, loosed from every earthly tie,
With steady confidence I fly
To Thee from whom I rose!

31 L. M.

UNVEIL thy bosom, faithful tomb!
Take this new treasure to thy trust;
And give these sacred relics room
To seek a slumber in the dust.

Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear
Invades Thy bounds. No mortal woes
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,
While angels watch the soft repose.

So Jesus slept;—God's dying Son
Passed through the grave, and blest the bed;
Rest here, blest saint, till from His throne
The morning break, and pierce the shade.

Break from His throne, illustrious morn;
Attend, oh earth! His sovereign word;
Restore Thy trust—a glorious form
Shall then arise to meet the Lord.

32 L. M.

HOW blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks a weary soul to rest!
How mildly beam the closing eyes!
How gently heaves th' expiring breast!

2 So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

3 A holy quiet reigns around,
A calm which life nor death destroys;
And naught disturbs that peace profound
Which his unfettered soul enjoys.

4 Farewell, conflicting hopes and fears,
Where lights and shades alternate dwe
How bright the unchanging morn appea
Farewell, inconstant world, farewell!

5 Life's labor's done; as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say
"How blest the righteous when he die

433 L.

SO fades the lovely, blooming flower,
Frail smiling solace of an hour!
So soon our transient comforts fly,
And pleasure only blooms to die.

2 Is there no kind, no lenient art,
To heal the anguish of the heart?
Spirit of grace! be ever nigh;
Thy comforts are not made to die.

3 See gentle patience smile on pain,
Till dying hope revive again;
Hope wipes the tear from sorrow's eye,
While faith points upward to the sky.

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SERVANT of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

he voice at midnight came;
He started up to hear:
. mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell, but felt no fear.

.t midnight came the cry,
"To meet thy God prepare!"
le woke,—and caught his Captain's eye;
Then, strong in faith and prayer,

lis spirit with a bound
Left its encumbering clay:
lis tent, at sunrise, on the ground
A darkened ruin lay.

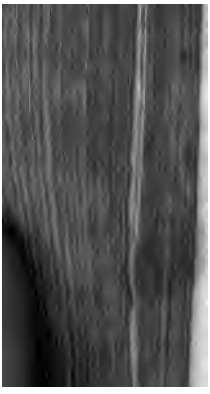
'he pains of death are past;
Labor and sorrow cease;
.nd, life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

oldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
.nd, while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy.

) 10s.

GO to the grave in all thy glorious prime,
In full activity of zeal and power;
. Christian cannot die before his time,
The Lord's appointment is the servant's hour.

o to the grave; at noon from labor cease;
Rest *on thy sheaves*, thy harvest task is done;
me from the heat of battle, and in peace,
oldier, go home; with thee the fight is won.



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Who, who would live alway, away from his God;
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns?

Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
Their Saviour and brethren, transported to greet;
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul?

7 8s & 7s.

SISTER, thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze,
Pleasant as the air of evening,
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber—
Peaceful in the grave so low:
Thou no more wilt join our number;
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us;
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us:
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

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GO to thy rest, my child,
Go to thy dreamless bed,
Gentle and undefiled,
With blessings on thy head.

2 Fresh roses in thy hand,
Buds on thy pillow laid;
Haste from this fearful land,
Where flowers so quickly fade.

3 Before thy heart had learned
In waywardness to stray;
Before thy feet had turned
The dark and downward way;

4 Ere sin had seared the breast,
Or sorrow woke the tear;
Rise to thy home of rest,
In yon celestial sphere.

5 Because thy smile was fair,
Thy lip and eye so bright,
Because thy cradle-care
Was such a fond delight,—

6 Shall love, with weak embrace,
Thy heavenward wing detain?
No!—angel, seek thy place
Amid heaven's cherub train.

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THOU art gone to the grave! I
will not deplore thee,
Though sorrows and darkness enc
the tomb;
The Saviour hath passed through
tals before thee,
And the lamp of His love is
through the gloom.

Thou art gone to the grave! we no longer
behold thee,
Nor tread the rough paths of the world
by thy side;
But the wide arms of Mercy are spread to
enfold thee,
And sinners may hope, for the Sinless
hath died.

Thou art gone to the grave! and, its man-
sion forsaking,
Perchance thy weak spirit in doubt lin-
gered long:
But the sunshine of glory beamed bright
on thy waking,
And full on thine ear burst the sera-
phim's song.

Thou art gone to the grave! but we will
not deplore thee,
Since God was thy Ransom, thy Guar-
dian, and Guide:
He gave thee, He took thee, and He will
restore thee;
And death has no sting, for the Saviour
hath died.

440 S. M.

IT is not death to die—
To leave this weary road,
And, 'mid the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

It is not death to close
The eye long dimmed by tears,
And wake, in glorious repose
To spend eternal years.

3 Jesus, Thou Prince of life!
Thy chosen cannot die;
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,
To reign with Thee on high.

441 L. M

WHY should we start and fear to die?
What tim'rous worms we mortals are!
Death is the gate of endless joy,
And yet we dread to enter there.

2 The pains, the groans, and dying strife,
Fright our approaching souls away:
Still we shrink back again to life,
Fond of our prison and our clay.

3 Oh if my Lord would come and meet,
My soul should stretch her wings in haste,
Fly fearless through death's iron gate,
Nor feel the terrors as she passed.

4 Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on His breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

442 S. M.

AND must this body die?
This mortal frame decay?
And must these active limbs of mine
Lie mouldering in the clay?

2 Corruption, earth and worms,
Shall but refine this flesh,
Till my triumphant spirit comes
To put it on afresh.

God, my Redeemer, lives,
And often, from the skies,
Looks down and watches all my dust,
Till He shall bid it rise.

Arrayed in glorious grace
Shall these vile bodies shine,
And every shape, and every face,
Look heavenly and divine.

These lively hopes we owe
To Jesus' dying love;
We would adore His grace below,
And sing His power above.

Dear Lord, accept the praise
Of these our humble songs,
Till tunes of nobler sounds we raise
With our immortal tongues.

3 C. M.

WHY do we mourn departing friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms.

Are we not tending upward too,
As fast as time can move?
Nor would we wish the hours more slow
To keep us from our love.

Why should we tremble to convey
Their bodies to the tomb?
There the dear flesh of Jesus lay;
There hopes immortal bloom.

The graves of all the saints He blessed,
And softened every bed:
There should the dying members rest
But with the dying Head?

RESURRECTION.

444 C. M.

SHALL man, O God of light and life,
For ever moulder in the grave?
Canst Thou forget Thy glorious work,
Thy promise and Thy power to save?

2 Shall life revisit dying worms,
And spread the joyful insect's wing!
And oh shall man awake no more
To see Thy face, Thy name to sing?

3 Cease, cease, ye vain desponding fears!
When Christ, our Lord, from darkness sprang,
Death, the last foe, was captive led,
And heaven with praise and wonder rang.

4 Him the first-fruits, his chosen sons,
Shall follow from the vanquished grave
He mounts His throne, the King of kings,
His church to quicken and to save.

5 Faith sees the bright, eternal doors
Unfold to make His children way;
They shall be clothed with endless life,
And shine in everlasting day.

6 The trump shall sound, the dust awake;
From the cold tomb the slumberers spring;
Through heaven with joy their myriads rise,
And hail their Saviour and their King

5 C. M.

THROUGH sorrow's night and danger's path,
Amid the deepening gloom,
We soldiers of an injured King
Are marching to the tomb.

There, when the turmoil is no more,
And all our powers decay,
Our cold remains in solitude
Shall sleep the years away.

Our labors done, securely laid
In this our last retreat,
Unheeded o'er our silent dust
The storms of life shall beat.

Yet not thus lifeless, thus inane,
The vital spark shall lie,
For o'er life's wreck that spark shall rise
To seek its kindred sky.

These ashes too, this little dust,
Our Father's care shall keep,
Till the last angel rise, and break
The long and dreary sleep.

Then love's soft dew o'er every eye
Shall shed its mildest rays,
And the long silent dust shall burst
With songs of endless praise.

6 *Behold, He Cometh!* 8s, 7s & 4s.

LO! He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints, attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 All the tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears:
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Make Thy righteous sentence known
Jah! Jehovah!
Claim the kingdom for Thine own.

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AND will the Judge descend?
And must the dead arise?
And not a single soul escape
His all-discerning eyes?

2 And from His righteous lips
Shall this dread sentence sound,
And, through the numerous guilty th
Spread black despair around:

3 "Depart from me, accursed,
To everlasting flame,
For rebel angels first prepared,
Where mercy never came."

4 How will my heart endure
The terrors of that day,

When earth and heaven, before His face,
Astonished, shrink away?

5 But ere that trumpet shakes
The mansions of the dead,
Hark, from the gospel's cheering sound,
What joyful tidings spread!

6 Ye sinners, seek His grace,
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;
Fly to the shelter of His cross,
And find salvation there.

7 So shall that curse remove
By which the Saviour bled;
And the last awful day shall pour
His blessings on your head.

448 8s, 7s & 4s

DAY of Judgment—day of wonders!
Hark!—the trumpet's awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
Shakes the vast creation round!
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound!

2 See the Judge, our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine!
You, who long for His appearing,
Then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour,
Own me in that day for Thine!

3 At His call the dead awaken,
Rise to life from earth and sea;
All the powers of nature, shaken
By His looks, prepare to flee:
Careless sinner,
What will then become of thee?

449 L. P. M.

GREAT God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of mankind doth appear,
On clouds of glory seated:
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore
The dead whom they contained before;
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

2 The dead in Christ shall first arise,
At the last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding;
No gloomy fears their souls dismay,
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.

3 But sinners, filled with guilty fears,
Behold His wrath prevailing,
For they shall rise, and find their tears
And sighs are unavailing;
The day of grace is past and gone;
Trembling they stand before the throne,
All unprepared to meet Him.

4 Great God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of mankind doth appear,
On clouds of glory seated:
Beneath His cross I view the day
When heaven and earth shall pass away;
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

HELL.

450 L. M

HELL! 'tis a word of dreadful sound;
It chills the heart and shocks the ear;
It spreads a sickly damp around,
And makes the guilty quake with fear

2 Far from the utmost verge of day,
Its frightful, gloomy region lies;
Fierce flames amidst the darkness play,
And thick sulphurous vapors rise.

3 Conscience, the never-dying worm,
With constant torture gnaws the heart,
And woe and wrath, in every form,
Inflame the wounds, increase the smart.

4 The wretches rave, o'erwhelmed with woe,
And bite their everlasting chains;
But with their rage their torments grow,
Resentment but augments their pains.

5 Sad world indeed! what heart can bear,
Hopeless, in all these pains to lie,
Racked with vexation, grief, despair,
And ever dying, never die?

6 "Lord, save a guilty soul from hell,
Who seeks Thy pardoning, cleansing blood,
Oh let me in Thy kingdom dwell,
To praise my Saviour and my God."

451 7's.

OH that day, that day of ire,
Told of prophet, when in fire
Shall a world dissolved expire!

2 Oh what trembling agony,
When His coming shall be nigh,
Who shall all things judge and try!

3 When the trumpet's thrilling tone,
Through the tombs of ages gone,
Summons *all before the* throne.

4 *Death and Nature* stand aghast,
When all creatures, at the blast,
Rise to answer for the past.

5 Open then the book shall lie,
All o'erwrit for every eye,
With a world's iniquity.

6 Then the Judge shall sit!—oh then
All that's hid shall be made plain,
Unrequited naught remain.

7 What then, wretched! shall I plead,
Who for me shall intercede,
When the righteous scarce is freed?

8 King of awful majesty!
Saving souls in mercy free;
Fount of pity, save Thou me!

9 Oh remember, Lord, I pray,
I the cause was of Thy way;
Do not lose me on that day!

HEAVEN.

452 *The Society of Heaven.* C.

JERUSALEM! my happy home!
Name ever dear to me!
When shall my labors have an end
In joy and peace and thee?

2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-b walls
And pearly gates behold?
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?

3 Oh when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend,
Where congregations ne'er break w
And Sabbaths have no end?

4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,
Nor sin nor sorrow know:
Blest seats! through rude and stormy scenes
I onward press to you.

5 Why should I shrink at pain and woe?
Or feel at death dismay?
I've Canaan's goodly land in view,
And realms of endless day.

6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there,
Around my Saviour stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

7 Jerusalem! my happy home!
My soul still pants for thee;
Then shall my labors have an end,
When I thy joys shall see.

453 *The Saints in Heaven.* P. M., 7s.

WHO are these in bright array,
This innumerable throng,
Round the altar night and day,
Tuning their triumphant song?
"Worthy is the Lamb, once slain,
Blessing, honor, glory, power,
Wisdom, riches, to obtain
New dominion every hour."

2 These through fiery trials trod;
These from great affliction came;
Now, before the throne of God,
Sealed with His eternal name.
Clad in raiment pure and white,
Victor palms in every hand,
Through their great Redeemer's might,
More than conquerors they stand.



God shall wipe

454 *The Heavenly Canaan.*

THERE is a land of pure de
Where saints immortal re
Infinite day excludes the night
And pleasures banish pain.

2 There everlasting spring abide
And never-withering flowers
Death, like a narrow sea, divid
This heavenly land from our

3 Sweet fields, beyond the swelli
Stand dressed in living gree
So to the Jews old Canaan sto
While Jordan rolled betwe

4 But timorous mortals start an
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455 P. M., 8s & (

THERE is an hour of peaceful rest,
To mourning wanderers given;
There is a joy for souls distressed,
A balm for every wounded breast—
'Tis found above—in heaven.

2 There is a soft, a downy bed,
'Tis fair as breath of even;
A couch for weary mortals spread,
Where they may rest the aching head,
And find repose in heaven.

3 There is a home for weary souls,
By sin and sorrow driven;
When tossed on life's tempestuous shoal
Where storms arise and ocean rolls,
And all is drear but heaven.

4 There faith lifts up her cheerful eye,
To brighter prospects given;
And views the tempest passing by,
The evening shadows quickly fly,
And all serene in heaven.

5 There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,
And joys supreme are given;
There joys divine disperse the gloom:—
Beyond the confines of the tomb
Appears the dawn of heaven.

456 C.

THERE is an hour of hallowed peace
For those with care oppressed,
When sighs and sorrowing tears shall ce
And all be hushed to rest:

'Tis then the soul is freed from fears,
And doubts that here annoy:



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Shall reap eternal

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Where now so man
ripe vintage
So many happy, high
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2 There life is blissf
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Bright, heavenly an
yonder;
There dwell the spirit
Blessing and

3 There our lost rose-b
open;

Sorrow, and pain, and every care,
And discord there shall cease;
And perfect joy, and love sincere,
Adorn the realms of peace.

3 The soul from sin for ever free,
Shall mourn its power no more;
But, clothed in spotless purity,
Redeeming love adore.

4 There on a throne (how dazzling bright!)
Th' exalted Saviour shines;
And beams ineffable delight
On all the heavenly minds.

5 There shall the followers of the Lamb
Join in immortal songs,
And endless honors to His name
Employ their tuneful tongues

6 Lord, tune our hearts to praise and love,
Our feeble notes inspire;
Till, in Thy blissful courts above,
We join th' angelic choir.

DISMISSIONS.

459 *Sicilian Hymn.* 8s, 7s & 4s

LORD, dismiss us with Thy blessing—
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace;
Oh refresh us!
Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give, and adoration,
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound:
May Thy presence
With us evermore be found.

3 So, whene'er the signal's given,
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
Glad to leave our cumbrous clay,
May we, ready,
Rise and reign in endless day!

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WHEN shall we meet again?
Meet ne'er to sever?
When will peace wreathe her chain
Round us for ever?
Our hearts will ne'er repose
Safe from each blast that blows
In this dark vale of woes,
Never, no, never!

2 When shall love freely flow
Pure as life's river?
When shall sweet friendship glow,
Changeless for ever?
Where the joys celestial thrill,
Where bliss each heart shall fill,
And fears of parting chill
Never—no, never!

3 Up to that world of light
Take us, dear Saviour;
May we all there unite,
Happy for ever;
Where kindred spirits dwell,
There may our music swell,
And time our joys dispel
Never—no, never!

4 Soon shall we meet again,
Meet ne'er to sever;
Soon shall peace wreath her chain
Round us for ever;

Our hearts will then repose
Secure from worldly woes;
Our songs of praise shall close
Never—no, never!

461 7

WHEN shall we all meet again?
When shall we all meet again?
Oft shall glowing hope expire;
Oft shall wearied love retire,
Oft shall death and sorrow reign,
Ere we all shall meet again.

2 Though on foreign shore we sigh,
Far remote our native sky;
Though the depths between us roll,
Hope shall anchor there our soul,
And in faith's well-known domain,
Within the veil, we'll meet again.

3 When the dreams of life are fled,
When its wasted lamps are dead,
When in cold oblivion's shade
Beauty, wealth, and fame are laid,
Where immortal spirits reign,
Thither soar, to meet again!

462 L. M

CHRISTIANS and brethren! ere we part,
Join every voice and every heart;
One solemn hymn to God we'll raise,
One final song of grateful praise.

2 Christians! we here may meet no more
But there is yet a happier shore;
And there, released from toil and pain
Dear brethren, we shall meet again.

3 Now to our God, the Three in One,
Be everlasting glory done;
Raise ye, His saints, the sound again,
Ye nations, join the loud Amen.

463 S. M

ONCE more, before we part,
Great God, attend our prayer,
And seal the gospel on the heart
Of all assembled here.

2 And if we meet no more
On Zion's holy ground,
Oh may we reach that blissful shore
Whither Thy saints are bound.

464 L. M.

ERE to the world again we go,
Its pleasures, cares, and idle show,
Thy grace, once more, O God, we crave,
From folly and from sin to save.

2 May the great truths we here have heard—
The lessons of Thy holy word—
Dwell in our inmost bosoms deep,
And all our souls from error keep.

3 Oh may the influence of this day
Long as our memory with us stay,
And as an angel guardian prove,
To guide us to our home above.

465 8s & 7s.

MAY the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

2 Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

DOXOLOGIES.

1 L. M.

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

2 C. M.

NOW let the Father and the Son
And Spirit be adored,
Where there are works to make Him known,
Or saints to love the Lord.

3 S. M.

YE angels round the throne,
And saints that dwell below,
Worship the Father, praise the Son,
And bless the Spirit too.

4 7s

SING we to our God above,
Praise eternal as His love;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

5 8s, 7s & 4s

GREAT Jehovah! we adore Thee,
God the Father—God the Son—
God the Spirit—joined in glory,
On the same eternal throne;
Endless praises
To Jehovah, three in one.

6 8s & 7s.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
While angels bow before Him,
With joy let all the ransomed host
Sing praises and adore Him.

7 8s & 7s.

PRAISE the God of our salvation;
Praise the Father's boundless love;
Praise the Lamb, our expiation;
Praise the Spirit from above,—
Author of the new creation,—
Him by whom our spirits live;
Undivided adoration
To the one Jehovah give.

8 8s.

ALL praise to the Father, the Son,
And Spirit, thrice holy and blest,
Th' eternal, supreme Three in One,
Was, is, and shall still be addressed.

9 7s & 6s

ALL ye who grace inherit,
The God of grace adore!
To Father, Son, and Spirit
Give praise for evermore!
Of mercies here, the treasure
Demands our praise and love;
And praise shall be our pleasure
Before His throne above.

10 H. M

TO God the Father's throne
Your highest honors raise;
Glory to God the Son;
To God the Spirit praise;
With all our powers, eternal King,
Thy name we sing, while faith adore

1 L. P. M.

NOW to the great and sacred Three,
The Father, Son, and Spirit, be
Eternal praise and glory given,—
Through all the worlds where God is known,
By all the angels near the throne,
And all the saints in earth and heaven!

2 C. P. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven's triumphant host
And saints on earth adore;
Be glory as in ages past,
As now it is, and so shall last
When time shall be no more.

3 11s.

O FATHER Almighty, to Thee be addressed,
With Christ and the Spirit, one God, ever blest,
All glory and worship, from earth and from heaven,
As was, and is now, and shall ever be given.





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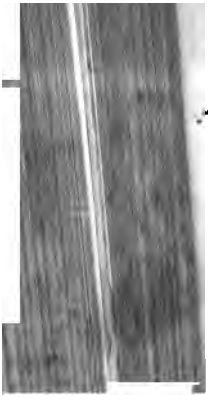
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PRAYERS.

PART I.

Prayers for the Use of Families

1

Prayer for the Lord's-Day Morning.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our
rits, who art good to all Thy creat
unto Thee would we lift up our souls,
magnify Thy name together.

Thou hast made us, and not we ourse
we are Thy people, and the children of
family. We will serve Thee with glad
and come into Thy presence with th
giving.

Thine is the greatness, and the power
the glory, and the majesty. Every conc
ble perfection centres in Thy char
The earth is full of Thy goodness; in
we live, and move, and have our b
Through the care of Thy providence we
tinue to this day. It is of Thy mercies
we are not consumed; they are new
morning; great is Thy faithfulness
ave slept in safety, and are risen
r Thou hast sustained us. We r

Thy providence, and give thanks unto Thee with our whole hearts.

While we praise Thee, heavenly Father, for the light of the sun, we would bless Thee, more especially, for the light of the gospel of Christ Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness. We bless Thee, that we are called to be His disciples and partakers of His resurrection and glory. We bless Thee, that notwithstanding our unworthiness, Thou hast still continued unto us the means of true religion, and dost from time to time permit us to unite with our brethren in the public services of Thy house. We bless Thee for the return of this day of sacred rest, and we desire to spend it in the performance of those duties for which it is set apart. Help us, we beseech Thee, to attend with earnestness to the things that concern our everlasting peace. Grant that all our sentiments, words, and actions may be holy and unblamable in Thy sight. Direct us in our private meditations and in the study of Thy word. Fill us with the spirit of devotion in the society of our fellow-worshippers, and open our minds to the truths which may be proposed to us from the sacred oracles of revelation. By attending upon the ordinances of religion this day, may we grow wiser and better, more pure and holy, more meek and humble, more resigned and thankful, and more heartily disposed to follow Christ and to keep His commandments.

Merciful God, we beseech Thee to communicate the happiness, which we enjoy as men and Christians, to all our brethren. Comfort those who are bowed down by want or sorrow. Let this be a day of improvement and holy pleasure to every congre-

tion of those who profess the name of Thy Son. Enlighten and cheer the minds, and prosper the labors of all the ministers of Thy word. Cause Thy name to be known in all the earth, and let the whole world be filled with Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2

Prayer for the Lord's-Day Evening.

O GOD, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by whose goodness we have been preserved, we come before Thee to acknowledge the riches of Thy grace. Thy name is excellent; Thy works are marvellous; in Thy favor there is life; and much peace have they who love Thy laws. We thank Thee for all the happiness of our lives, for the stores of nature, for the advantages of society, for the comforts of friendship, and for the satisfactions which flow from our domestic relations. We thank Thee for every opportunity of improving our mental faculties, for the inestimable discoveries and hopes of Thy gospel, and for the appointment of public worship. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon us this sacred day. We are ashamed to reflect with how little ardor we engage in Thy work, and acknowledge before Thee our manifold errors and sins. Thou pure and perfect Spirit, forgive of Thine infinite compassion any distraction of mind or coldness of affection which may have attended the discharge of our religious duties; and assist us to love Thee more and to serve Thee better in the time to come. Preserve us fr

being satisfied with the form of godliness. Whatever seeds of truth may have fallen into our hearts, grant that they may take deep root and be abundantly fruitful. By the lessons we have learnt, prepare us for resuming and prosecuting our worldly employments with a becoming frame of mind; and help us to pass through every future scene of life under the guidance of Christian principles.

Whilst Thou shalt see fit to continue us in this world, it is our earnest desire and steadfast resolution to answer the ends for which Thou hast made us. In the presence of each other, and before Thee, the all-seeing witness and judge, we do at this time form the most serious purpose to guard against all vicious appetites and passions, to behave with fidelity, prudence, and kindness towards one another, to be diligent in the business of our several stations, to perform every social office with conscientious care, and to remember the account which we must render unto Thee for our deportment here.

Strengthen us by Thy Spirit, O God, in this resolution. Protect us this night against the dangers to which we may be exposed. And, when death shall be our lot, enable us to observe its approach with composure, and receive us into Thy presence, where there is fullness of joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

3

Prayer for Monday Morning.

O THOU Creator, Governor, and supporter of men! Thou dwellest in light, and ar*the* Father of lights. Grateful for the o

Thou hast exercised ove
ght past, we would cheer
ves to Thy guidance throu
which we have entered.
faith and fear, and secure us
evil of soul and body. Impress on
a solemn sense of Thy universal
Preserve us from any snares whic
in our way, and especially from
which most easily beset us. Prep
new occurrences, whether prosperou
verse, and quicken us in the disc
every obligation. Let not continue
and comfort make us forgetful of T
corrupt our minds.

Thou prolongest our lives, that w
attain more and more the true end
May this day witness some improvem
knowledge, piety, and virtue. May i
ness our diligence in that occupation to
Thou hast called us. We desire and purp
eep our consciences void of offence: bu
xperience which we have had of our fi
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Son, our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer for Monday Evening.

O THOU infinitely great Triune Jeh
Maker of heaven and earth! Thc
ever present to all Thy creatures.
knowest our down-sitting and our up-r
Thou compassest our path and our
down, and art acquainted with all our
Preserver of men! at the close of a
day, we would render unto Thee our t
for all the mercies by which our live
been supported and rendered happy.
sun has cheered us with its rays, Thi
has fanned the spark of life within
by Thy goodness we have been fed witl
convenient for us. In grateful confide
Thy mercies, we will now lay ourselves
in peace; assured, that, if it be Thy w
shall sleep in safety, and rise on a
morning with renewed health and
Forgive the transgressions of the pa
and of all past time. Whatever ha
irregular in our dispositions, whatev
have done which we ought not to hav
or omitted which we ought to hav
formed, be pleased mercifully to p
and grant that our circumspection in
may be increased.

Hitherto Thou hast helped us, pr
for our necessities, and crowned ou
with loving-kindness. Truly our hop
Thee, and under the shadow of Thy
will we put our trust. We dedicate ou
unto Thee as our God and guide
life, our support and comfort in de
after death our everlasting portion
city. Let Thy goodness continu

us; and enable us to express our thankfulness by a growing holiness and resemblance of Thee.

Holy Watchman of Thy people, who dost never slumber nor sleep, Thou King eternal, immortal and invisible, unto Thee be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

5

Prayer for Tuesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we Thy needy creatures render Thee our humble praise for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To Thy watchful providence we owe it, that we have been kept in safety, and that no disturbance hath come nigh our dwelling. For these Thy mercies we bless and praise Thee, beseeching Thee to accept this morning sacrifice. And since it is of Thy goodness, O gracious Father, that our existence is prolonged, we here devote both our bodies and souls to Thy service, in a godly, righteous, and sober life. Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, in this resolution; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Have compassion, we pray Thee, on our infirmities; and give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained *from sin* and excited to our duty *Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Th displeasure, such a* remembrance of the gr *day of judgment,* and such a grateful se

of Thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend Thee. Keep us temperate in our enjoyments and diligent in our callings, just and upright in our dealings, peaceable, compassionate, and ready to do good to all men. Direct us in all our ways; prosper the work of our hands; defend us from calamities and sufferings; or, if Thou shalt be pleased to visit us with them, enable us to bear them with patience, and to be contented with our condition. These things, and whatever else is necessary and good for us, we implore, with humble reliance upon Thine infinite clemency in Christ Jesus our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

6

Prayer for Tuesday Evening.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins, we come before Thee sensible of our own unworthiness, and acknowledge our numerous transgressions of Thy righteous laws. Look upon us, we beseech Thee, with compassion; pardon, of Thy free grace, all our errors and sins; give us proper views of the great evil of them; amend the tempers and dispositions of our souls; and cleanse us from all vicious thoughts, unlawful designs, and inordinate desires. May we never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but always retire to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards men.

Accept, Heavenly Father, our intercessions for all mankind. Be gracious, blessed Saviour, unto Thy church. Enlighten the nations, Holy Spirit, with the gospel of Jesus. Bless, Thou Triune God, all in authority over us; do good to our relations, friends, and neighbors; reward our benefactors; pardon those who have done or wish us evil, and give them better minds; be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and minister to their several necessities.

Receive our thanks, great God, for our being, our reason, our health, our friends, our food, our raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore Thy mercy in sending Thine only Son to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and to give us the knowledge of our duty to Thee. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; and for all the benefits and favors of Thy Son. Continue them to us, we beseech Thee; and give us grace to show our thankfulness by sincere obedience to Thy laws.

Defend us this night from all dangers and mischiefs, and bestow on us such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day, if it shall please Thee to prolong our lives. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a manner that *we may* never be afraid to die. *Whether living* or dying, may we be Thine *through the mediation* of Thy Son Jesus *Christ, in whose* name we offer up these o *nperfect prayers.* Amen.

7

Prayer for Wednesday Morning.

LORD God Almighty, we will praise Thee with our whole hearts, and show forth Thy goodness to the children of men.

Thou hast placed the sun and the moon in the heavens, to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and the night. All creatures wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou hast preserved us and provided for us in the helpless state of infancy, and guided us in the dangerous paths of youth. Thou hast supplied our daily wants, and brought us to the present moment in peace and safety. Through the darkness of the night, Thine eye has been upon us; and we appear before Thee this morning surrounded with the gifts of Thy bounty.

Accept, O merciful Father, our unfeigned thanksgivings for these, and for all our spiritual blessings; and help us so to improve and apply them that we may be happy in Thy favor, both in this world and that which is to come.

May we be in Thy fear all the day long, serve Thee with pure affection, and enjoy the good things of life in innocence. In our domestic relations, may we be all of one mind, love as brethren, and live in peace; that Thou, the God of peace and love, mayest be with us. May all holy dispositions be established in our souls, and our lives be adorned with all good actions. May we rejoice habitually in Thy government, and in the hope of Thine approbation; and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdo

hrough Thy grace in Thy blessed Son, our aviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

8

Prayer for Wednesday Evening.

) MOST merciful and gracious God, we Thy servants present ourselves before hee, this evening, to render thanks unto hee for all Thy mercies, to confess our sins, renew our good resolutions, and to com-end ourselves to the care of Thy provi-ence.

Blessed be Thy name, and the name of Thy on, our Saviour, for all the powers, supports, nd enjoyments of our nature; for all our pportunities of securing happiness; for our dvantages as the disciples of Thy Son; for lis doctrines, precepts, example, sufferings, nd resurrection. Great is Thy goodness to s and to all the children of men; and we onfess that we are not worthy of the mer-es which we have received at Thy hands. n many things we have all offended. Thou nowest our follies, and our sins are not idden from Thee. We acknowledge them ith sorrow and penitence; we desire to alk before Thee in newness of life; and we escech Thee, who despisest not a contrite eart, to pardon all our iniquities and to be ierciful unto us.

Teach us, O God, to discern between good nd evil; and enable us, in the midst of the emptations of the world, to hold fast our in-grity and to persevere in well-doing. Gran it neither hope nor fear may ever lead desire or to do what Thou forbidd

Help us to be harmless and undefiled, to aim continually at the mark of our high calling, and to fight the good fight of faith, that we may obtain the prize.

Our outward circumstances in life we leave entirely to the disposal of Thy wisdom and goodness. We commit ourselves to Thy care through the ensuing night and the remainder of our days, with a steadfast persuasion that, if it be best for us, Thou wilt defend us from evil. Whatever Thou shalt appoint, help us to place our whole confidence in Thee. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O Thou God of our salvation. Bless our friends, and guide them by Thine unerring Spirit. Have pity upon all to whom wearisome nights and restless days are appointed. And raise all men to that land of perfect felicity, where Jesus, our Lord and King, reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

9

Prayer for Thursday Morning.

O GOD, the Giver of all good, who delightest in the happiness of Thy creatures, we would raise our hearts to Thee in the exercise of devout affections. Having daily united to partake of Thy bounty, we would unite to give our thanks unto Thee.

Thou hast been continually with us, rejoicing to do us good; and Thy mercies are more than can be numbered. Thou hast upheld our souls in life, and been our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Thou hast continually fed and clothed us, and given us many things to enjoy. Who

we lie down to rest, Thou art our defence; and when we awake, we are still with Thee. Thou art leading us by the mediation of Thy Son to a better world, and causing all things to work together for our good.

Father, we praise Thee and rejoice in Thy goodness; and we desire at all times to approve ourselves unto Thee. Preserve us, we beseech Thee, from every secret sin. Dispose and assist us to keep our hearts and to watch over our tongues. Enable us faithfully to obey Thee in every situation, and fill our minds with religious veneration and gratitude. Grant that we may heartily unite our endeavors to promote each other's happiness, bear with each other's infirmities, reprove each other in the spirit of meekness, put away all pride and envy, all discontent and fretfulness, all suspicion and jealousy, and travel together with increasing affection to the land of everlasting joy and love.

Encouraged by our past experience, we humbly commit our persons and concerns to Thy direction, and confide in thine unbounded mercy, as revealed and pledged to us in Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

10

Prayer for Thursday Evening.

ALMIGHTY God, who art the Rewarder of all them that diligently seek Thee, receive in mercy the prayers and the praises of Thy children.

We adore Thee as the greatest and the best *of beings, the* source of all power, wisdo*oodness, and happiness.* Without Thee

can do nothing; and on Thee we depend from day to day. Thine energy sustains, Thy presence animates, Thy gracious influence blesses the universe. Our times are in Thy hands; our advantages and sorrows are dispensed by Thy providence. Thy mercy has given us a Redeemer, who is able to save unto the uttermost; and Thine unmerited love adds to our days and satisfactions, that we may be drawn to devote our hearts to Thy service.

We confess, O Lord, that we have disobeyed Thy laws and been unmindful of Thy goodness. We lament with sincere sorrow our errors and transgressions. We desire to forsake every evil way; and we humbly trust in Thy grace for the forgiveness of our sins. Being justified by faith, may we have peace with Thee, be saved from the dominion of vice, and be filled with the fruits of Thy Spirit. May we be at all times sensible of the vanity of the world, of the deceitfulness of sin, and of its certain tendency to make us miserable. May we entertain just convictions of the worth of our own souls, and of the value and importance of the glory to which we are called. May we set our affections upon the things above, be armed against the allurements and terrors of this transitory state, and hold ourselves in constant readiness to depart hence and to stand before our Judge.

Keep us this night, Almighty Guardian, under Thy watchful eye. If it be agreeable to Thy will, let no evil befall us or ours. Have mercy upon those for whose welfare we feel particularly solicitous. Comfort and sustain all who are in trouble and adversity. Order all things for us as seemeth right;

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more according to Thy promises declar
unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord. And
Him, with Thee, the Father, and the Ho
Spirit, be glory, honor and blessing for ev
and ever. Amen.

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Prayer for Friday Morning.

ETERNAL and incomprehensible Jeh
vah, Father and Friend of the childr
of men, we would acknowledge Thy perfe
tions and feel our dependence on Thee. Th
art from everlasting to everlasting, and wi
Thee there is no variableness nor shadow
turning. Thou art the righteous Lord, who
countenance beholdeth the upright. Th
acceptest not the persons of men, but wi
render unto the rich and the poor accordi
to their works. Thou art good, and ev
ready to forgive the penitent.

We thank Thee, Lord of heaven and eart
for all that Thou hast done for us. Th
hast brought us into life, and continual
watched over us. Thou hast again preserv
us, and granted us the refreshment of qui
repose. Through Thy goodness we appe
before Thee at this time, in health and eas
with the free use of our reason, and in t
enjoyment of many blessings. What sha
we render unto Thee for all Thy benefit
We desire to show forth Thy praise, not on
with our lips, but in our lives; and to sp
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in a uniform obedience to Thy holy
mands.

Incline our hearts, we beseech Thee, to Thy precepts. Endue us with that simplicity and godly sincerity, which are well-pleasing unto Thee. Teach us to live by the faith of Thy Son, who hath loved us and given Himself for us. Preserve us from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, and clothe us with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Assist us to take heed unto our ways, to direct our affairs with discretion, to be temperate in all things, to walk within our house with perfect hearts, and to order our whole conversation and conduct according to Thy will.

Through all the changes of our lives, grant, O God, that we may be without covetousness, receive Thy gifts with thankful hearts, enjoy them with sobriety and benevolence, and endure afflictions with such patience that they may work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. And unto Thee, the God of all consolation and grace in Christ Jesus, be endless honor and praise. Amen.

12

Prayer for Friday Evening.

ALMIGHTY God, the Parent of all the families of the earth, we Thy children unite to present unto Thee the tribute justly due to Thy name.

We thank Thee that Thou hast created us in Thine own image, made us capable of knowledge and wisdom, endowed us with social affections, and implanted in us a sense of good and evil. We praise Thee for our continual support, and acknowledge that Thy

daily loadest us with benefits. Above all, we bless Thee for Thine inestimable love in sending Thine only-begotten Son to instruct, to guide, to save us from sin and misery, and to elevate us to an inheritance which is incorruptible in heaven. We will bless Thee, O Lord, at all times; Thy praise shall be continually in our mouths.

While we acknowledge before Thee, O God, Thine incessant bounty and eternal love, we confess with shame that we have not been as careful to improve and make suitable returns for them as it was our duty to be. Though Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, we have rebelled against Thee. But we desire to become wiser and better; and we beseech Thee, who art slow to anger, to pardon all our transgressions. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us, and grant us Thy salvation.

Lead us by Thy gracious hand in the path of our duty; and, in the time of temptation let Thy good Spirit be with us, to keep us from falling. May our minds be purified from all sinful affections, and be deeply impressed and regularly influenced by every religious truth. May we be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Thou art the Protector of all that put their trust in Thee. We pray Thee to show compassion to such as are in pain, sickness, or distress. We commend ourselves, our friends, and all our concerns to Thy holy keeping. Defend us by Thy power, direct us by Thy wisdom, provide for us by Thy goodness and, when our heart and our flesh shall fa be Thou, O God, the strength of our he

and our portion for ever. And to Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be praise now and evermore. Amen.

13

Prayer for Saturday Morning.

O GOD, who givest unto all creatures life, and breath, and all things, we Thy servants would reverence Thine infinite perfections, and adore Thee as the fountain of all virtue and felicity.

Thou art the same in power, wisdom, and goodness, throughout all generations. Thou upholdest every being by Thy mighty word, and preservest the regular succession of day and night, of summer and winter, of seed-time and harvest. By Thine appointment, the sun ariseth, and man goeth forth to his work. The earth is Thine and the fullness thereof.

Blessed be Thou, our merciful Father, for the protection afforded us, for the refreshment of sleep, for our measure of ease and health, for every present comfort, and for all our hopes of future good. To Thy tender compassion alone we ascribe them, and are sensible of the vast obligation which they lay upon us to love and serve Thee with every faculty of our bodies and souls.

Let the consciousness of the homage and fidelity we owe to Thee accompany us wherever we go, that we may live in all good conscience; and that, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to Thy glory. Teach us to be prudent in ordering our affairs, industrious in performing o

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in Christ Jesus. Enable us heartily to
joice in His salvation, and cause all thin
to work together for our eternal welfa
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savio
Amen.

14

Prayer for Saturday Evening.

GREAT and glorious God, the heave
are Thy throne, and the earth is T
footstool. Thou art nigh unto all them th
call upon Thee in sincerity and truth. Th
art conducting Thy children in the path
peace; and Thou continually affordest the
the supplies which they need.

We thank Thee that we have been pr
served through another day and anoth
week. We thank Thee that Thine arm h
been our support, Thy shield our defen
Thy Providence and Spirit our guardian a
guide. We thank Thee for our personal a
family blessings (for our deliverance fr
dangers and calamities), and for every agr
able and happy circumstance of our condit
We thank Thee, above all, that we
brought to the knowledge of Thee a
Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent;

have the promises of Thy mercy; and that, though this frail existence is fleeting away, we have the assured hope of immortal felicity. Thy compassions fail not, great God, though our days on earth are diminishing. Be Thou exalted above the heavens! and be Thy sacred name praised for ever and ever!

Merciful Father! blot out, we pray Thee, the sins that have been committed by us in the week which is now drawing to a close, and in the whole course of our departed days. We lament that we have often been led astray, and have been chargeable with many negligences and omissions. We confess them unto Thee with an humble and contrite spirit; and beseech Thee to cleanse our consciences from evil works, to lift on us the light of Thy countenance, and to give us the blessedness of those whose transgressions are covered.

Dispose us to realize fully that we are the monuments of Thy sparing mercy, in order that our hearts may be consecrated to Thee. Illuminate our minds with Thy heavenly truth. Preserve us from all false judgments concerning the ends of living and the way to happiness. Secure us from the influence of vain customs and evil examples. Increase our faith; enliven our hope; enlarge our charity; inspire us with every pious, virtuous, and amiable disposition; and help us to become Christians, not only in name, but in deed.

Another step has been taken towards eternity; week after week, and month after month, are passing away; and we know that our times are in Thy hand, and that there may be to us but a few more days in th

world. Gracious God, suffer us not to for the shortness of life, or the solemnities judgment and eternity. Prepare us to m our last end with a serene and peaceful mi Incline us so to pass through things tem ral that we may not forget the things wh are eternal. Help us to love each other beings who have each other's immortal h piness at heart; and, after we shall h been separated from one another by dea be pleased to unite us in holy fellowship fore the throne of God and the Lamb.

We commend our bodies and our souls Thy care; and beseech Thee to do good u all men. We offer up these our prayers the name of Jesus, through whom we tr that we shall be pardoned and accepted, a to whom, with Thee, the Father and t Holy Spirit be honor and glory now a evermore. Amen.

15

Grace Before and After Meat.

ALMIGHTY Father! the blessings whi we are about to receive, are Thy gi May they be enjoyed with a sense of T love to us and all mankind. Amen.

WE acknowledge, heavenly Father, t Thou art the source of all our enjoymen Help us to receive Thy bounty with gratef contented, and obedient hearts, through Je *Christ, Thy Son.* Amen.

THE eyes of all wait upon Thee, O *and Thou givest* them their meat

season. Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Thou Author of all good, for this present refreshment and for all other mercies. May they strengthen us to the performance of every duty as disciples of Thy Son. Amen.

THOU hast afforded us another proof of Thy benevolent care, O Thou Parent of men! May it fill us with gratitude to Thee, and dispose us to be kind to others, even as Thou art kind unto us. Amen.

THOU, Lord, art our Shepherd; we shall not want. May we never be wanting in our duty to Thee; and may Thy mercy follow us all the days of our lives. Amen.

DIVINE Benefactor! Thou hast blessed our labors for the meat which perisheth. Help us to labor successfully for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. Amen.

16

Prayer for a Family at the Close of the Year.

ETERNAL Jehovah, in Thee we live and move and have our being. In Thy hand is our breath; it is because Thou hast sustained us that we have continued to this day. With praise to Thee, the God of our lives, and to Thy Son, the Saviour of our souls, we come into Thy presence; with thanks to Thee, the unfailing source of mercy! Thou didst bring us into this world, and place

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tranquillity and comfort of mind, exempt from the terrors of guilt; and bring us to the enjoyment of Thy favor in the realms of glory, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

17

Prayer for a Family at the Beginning of the Year.

ALMIGHTY God, God of the spirits of all flesh, Preserver and Ruler of the children of men, hear in mercy Thy servants, who raise their hearts unto Thee. We acknowledge, that, in seasons past, we have often been too earnest about the things of sense and time, too regardless of the objects of faith and futurity. We confess that we have too often walked in a vain show, and disquieted ourselves in vain. We cannot attempt to deny that we have been frequently undutiful and unthankful. Wouldst Thou judge us without mercy, we should be utterly destitute of hope. Wouldst Thou deal with us according to our sins, we should be miserable indeed. But we rejoice that Thou desirest not the ruin of Thy creatures, but rather that they should repent and live. It is our desire to cast off all the unfruitful works of darkness, and to walk as children of the light and of the day. It is our purpose that this year shall witness our greater reformation from every thing that is amiss in us, and our increasing improvement in the graces of the Christian character.

If it be consistent with the purposes of Thine inscrutable wisdom, we pray that our lives may be spared; not merely that we m

y an animal existence, but that we may urnished with an opportunity of doing and becoming better. We commit all concerns to Thee; and would submit to e circumstances which Thou, who alone vest what is best for us, shalt ordain. If u wilt, we desire the continuance of :h and comfort. If Thou shouldst send ness or adversity to us, may we be pre- d for these and all other changes of our tion. If it be Thy decree that this year of us shall die, may we be ready for our rture. We dare not say that we will do or that; but we would cherish one reso- n, to become and always to be such per- as Thou shalt be pleased to approve. eavenly Father, do Thou preserve us every injurious delay. Let not the t of darkness, in which no man can work, take us unawares. Forbid that we should presume on life, or boast of to-morrow, oe immoderately attached to earthly gs. May we always do with diligence ; Thou appointest us to perform. If h shall approach us by slow advances, it find us well employed; and if we are enly called to exchange worlds, may it oe our lot to have treasured up fear and orse. Hear us, we beseech Thee, in these supplications, which we offer up in the e of our great Mediator. And unto Thee, King eternal, immortal and invisible, Jesus Christ our adorable Redeemer, the *Holy Spirit* our Comforter, be honor *glory, for* ever and ever. Amen.



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19

or a Family in Behalf of a Sick Child.

GHTY and most merciful God,
ou art the fountain of all good, the
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of mourners, and where pious friends and relations shall rejoice with each other for ever and ever, through Thine unspeakable love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

20

Thanksgiving of a Family for the Recovery of a Member of the Same from Dangerous Sickness.

MOST merciful and gracious God, the Creator and Preserver of the universe, we would raise our hearts with grateful sentiments unto Thee, from whom alone cometh our help. We acknowledge that Thou rulest over all; that of Thee, and through Thee, and to Thee are all things. Thou speakest, and it is done; Thou commandest, and it stands fast. The skill of the physician and the power of medicine are derived from Thee. It is Thou who healest all our diseases, who redeemest our lives from destruction, and renewest our strength; and to Thy name alone be all the glory and honor. We render unto Thee our united and hearty thanks for Thy great goodness, manifested to Thy servant, whom Thou hast been pleased to raise from the bed of sickness, and to restore to a capacity of performing the duties and enjoying the comforts of life. To Thy kind Providence we ascribe it that this affliction hath not been unto death, and that the voice of health and rejoicing is again heard in our habitation. We praise Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast dealt bountifully with us. May Thy servant, whom Thou hast rescued from the devouring grave, manifest his (her) sense of Thy loving kindness, by devoting th

remainder of *his* days to Thee, as a true disciple of *his* Master and Redeemer, in a constant obedience to Thy holy commandments. May the remembrance of what Thou hast done for *his* soul confirm and establish *his* good resolutions, and inspire *him* with a lively confidence in Thy protection and care. May this instance of Thy mercy to our family engage us all to love Thee with our whole hearts, and to rejoice in Thy Providence. While we have health and life may we never abuse or trifle with them, but be careful to improve them well, and promote each other's happiness to the utmost of our ability.

It is better to trust in Thee, O Lord, than to put confidence in man. Thou art our refuge and our God, and we will praise Thee. We will give thanks unto Thee; for Thou art good, and Thy mercy endureth for ever. Amen.

21

A Prayer on the Death of any Person in a Family.

ETERNAL God, without whose direction and providence nothing can happen to us in life or death, out of the depths of affliction and sorrow we lift up our souls unto Thee; for in Thee alone are our help and hope.

Our existence is in Thy hands, and all our enjoyments are at Thy disposal. Thou didst at first call us into being by Thy mighty *power; and,* when Thou takest away our *breath we die* and return to the dust.

In the midst of life we are in death. *whom may* we seek for succor but unto Th

O Lord, who changest not, and who hast been the refuge of Thy children in all generations? The Lord liveth; let our hearts rejoice; and let the God of our salvation be for ever exalted. Under all the troubles of this life Thy mercy is our confidence and support. Even as a father pitieth his children, so Thou hast compassion upon the sons of men. Infinite wisdom and love direct all Thy dispensations. Behold Thy servants, O Lord; do with us whatsoever seemeth good in Thy sight. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Thy name, especially, that, according to Thine abundant mercy, Thou hast begotten us again, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ Thy Son, to the lively hope of an inheritance that is undefiled and fadeth not away.

Teach us, O most gracious God, by the instances of mortality which are before our eyes, and particularly by the present mournful event, to see how short and uncertain our abode on earth is, and so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom and seek the things which are above. May we spend the remainder of our time in this world in the faithful discharge of every Christian duty; and study to live in such a manner as we shall wish to have done when we come to die. Give us grace to follow the good examples of those who have departed hence in Thy faith and fear, that we may with them be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant, that we may labor with increasing zeal to become the true disciples of our blessed Saviour; and, after believing Him and obeying Him here below,

united with Him at Thy right hand, and, with all whom we love, and with the virtuous and pious of all nations and tongues, praise Thee through endless ages. Amen.

22

A Prayer for Parents on the Death of a Young Child.

O THOU, who hast appointed unto all men once to die, and who alone knowest what is really good for us, we fly to Thee, beseeching Thee to sanctify unto us the bereavement which fills our hearts with grief. Thou hast united us to the objects of our innocent affection by the tenderest ties; and we bless Thee that Thou wast pleased to give us our departed child, and to bestow on us the satisfactions and joys which parents feel. Thou hast with the arrow of death taken away from us this beloved being; and we would bow with resignation to Thy sovereign appointment. We commit its body to the grave and its soul to Thine infinite mercy. And we rejoice and thank Thee that our Lord Jesus Christ has declared: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Compassionate Father! console our sorrows, we pray Thee; and prevent us from despising Thy chastenings or fainting when rebuked of Thee. Teach us more perfectly *to do and suffer* Thy will, and to draw instruction *from* the adversities which we experience. *Affect* us with just convictions of *the vanity of* human life, and the uncertain

of earthly comforts. Dispose us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, and to give the most serious attention to the religious instruction and improvement of those whom Thou hast preserved to us. Instead of attempting fully to explain the unsearchable mysteries of Thy government, may our hearts rest assured that all things shall work together for good to them that love Thee; and may we steadily look forward to the resurrection of the just and the re-union of those who die in the Lord, through our exalted Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

PART II.

Prayers for the Use of Individuals.

1

Prayers for the Morning.

O LORD, my heavenly Father, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day: defend me through the same by Thy mighty power, and grant that I may neither fall into sin, nor run into any kind of danger. May all my words and doings be ordered agreeably to Thy holy will, and my heart be pure and acceptable in Thy sight! May it please Thee to give such success as Thou seest to be best for me to my labors and pursuits; to bless my friends; to do good unto all men; and to raise them and me to Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the gracious Preserver of the children of men, accept the thanks of Thy servant for the continual protection of Thy providence. When I retire to rest, Thou coverest me with the shades of the evening; and, when I arise, Thou visitest me with the Day-spring from on high. Thy blessing is ever upon me, and day and night Thy loving-kindness follows me. Enable

to be duly and habitually sensible of w
owe to Thee, and to rely upon Thy car
devote myself to Thy service, and r
that my times are in Thy hand. Hel
while I live, to live to Thee; that, wl
die, I may die to Thee, and feel happy i
assurance of Thy mercy and the hope of
lasting life, through Jesus Christ my
and Saviour. Amen.

O God, by whose gracious provide
have been preserved through the past
and am risen this morning with the fr
of my rational faculties, and in the enjo
of the blessings of life: I look up to T
my highest Benefactor and Friend, and
Thee for the goodness which I have
rienced, when unconscious of my being
incapable of guarding against dange
death. I humbly commit myself to Th
tection this day, beseeching Thee to
me from evil and to give me those ble
which I need. Above all, be pleased
ciful Father, to pardon my errors; and
me to shun temptation, to watch ov
passions, to govern my tongue, to kee
self innocent and undefiled, and cheerf
do that which is pleasing unto Thee.
my prayer, and accept of me according
covenant of Thy love through Jesus
Amen.

God of my life, another night has
away; and I arise from death-like ir
bility to new existence. Whether I sl
am awake, I am encircled by Thy
arms and share Thy love. Thou
served my breath; Thou inspires

new vigor; and Thou callest me to new enjoyments. To Thee my spirit ascends on the wings of devotion and gratitude, and consecrates all its powers and faculties. What may I not hope for from Thee, who continually watchest over me, and who hast not even spared Thy well-beloved Son, but hast given Him up freely for the children of men?

Animated by this confidence, I desire to go on my way rejoicing, to accomplish with cheerfulness whatever Thou callest me to do, and to bear with patience whatever Thou appointest me to suffer. This day, too, Father, Thou wilt in mercy direct and help Thy feeble child, proportion my strength to my duties and trials, and lead me in that path which Thou knowest to be good for me. Let this persuasion support my soul, and enable me to entertain an habitual regard to Thee. I am thine, by the strongest ties; and Thine may I remain in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, my Saviour. Amen.

2

Prayers for the Evening.

ALMIGHTY God, Thou hast bestowed upon me innumerable benefits, and hast added to all Thy former mercies the safety and happiness which I have this day enjoyed. Forgive, I beseech Thee, whatever may have been wrong in my feelings, conversation, or deportment; and fill me with *an ardent solicitude* to serve Thee faithfully *in the time that* may yet remain. I comm*myself and* all my friends to Thy gracic *rotection this* night, reposing the confide

of my soul on Thy providence. After having renewed my strength by a peaceful repose, may I return to the duties of life with a steadfast resolution to do all Thy will with diligence; that, when my days on earth shall be numbered, I may be received into Thine eternal rest and joy, through Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, my heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, I raise my soul to Thee, entreating Thee to keep me continually under Thy care. If it seem good in Thy sight, grant me the blessing of quiet sleep; that I may arise in the morning in health, to labor in Thy service and live in Thy fear. Let it please Thee to lift up the light of Thy countenance upon me, and to give me peace both now and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, my great Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor! I approach Thee with the grateful acknowledgments of my heart for the mercies by which I have been cheered and blessed this day. Whatever share of happiness I possess, whatever measure of prosperity I enjoy; to Thee belongs the praise, and to Thine unmerited favor alone I ascribe it. With whatever neglect, imperfection, and transgression of duty I am chargeable, I take the shame of them to myself, and sincerely repent of them. Forgive me, I beseech Thee, Parent of mercies, upon the gracious terms of Thy gospel; and implant a right spirit within me. Vouchsafe to bless me, and all in whom I am concerned,

Thy care and protection through this night; and lead us, and the whole human family, in the paths of Thy good providence, to everlasting life and happiness, through Thine infinite love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD of compassion, with what velocity all my days speed their flight and vanish away! How few are the traces which they leave behind! What is my existence on earth, but a dream, from which I shall awake, with joy or terror, to a new and never-ending life?

I will lay me down, and sleep in peace; for Thou, O Lord, makest me to dwell in safety. Thou continually upholdest, and showerest down blessings upon me, and comfortest my soul in sorrow. All the successive periods of my pilgrimage are distinguished by the proofs of Thy benevolence and mercy. Oh that they may also be distinguished by numerous proofs of my gratitude and obedience to Thee! Oh that I may sleep in Jesus, when my last hour shall arrive, with the same composure with which I lie down upon my bed; with a mind free from the stings and reproaches of guilt, conscious of inward sincerity and rectitude, firmly relying upon the promises sealed with my Saviour's blood, trusting through Him in Thy forbearance and paternal love, and rejoicing in the prospect of that blissful immortality which He brought to light!

My heavenly Father, establish Thou this *wish in my soul*; make it the chief principle *and motive* of all I think, and *and do; help* me to revive and strengt *it every* morning and evening. Make

perfect in every good work; and to Thy name be all the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

8

A Prayer for a Young Person.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast called me into being, that I might enjoy Thy bounty here, and be prepared for everlasting happiness hereafter! I look up to Thee, the source of every blessing, beseeching Thee to guide, to support, and strengthen me. Surrounded with dangers, to whom should I apply for succor but to Thee, who hast promised that those who seek Thee early and diligently shall find Thee? Oh help me habitually to remember Thee, my Creator, Benefactor, Redeemer, and Judge. Impress on my mind that reverence of Thee which is the beginning of wisdom. Dispose me to value, as I ought, the religion of Thy blessed Son, and to make His doctrine and example my only directory and rule. Preserve me from all corrupt communications, from those youthful lusts which war against the soul, from all unchastity in thought, word, and action. Preserve my tongue from uttering falsehood, deceit, or impiety, and my hands from committing injustice. Give me a cautious, sober, and devout mind, that I may tremble at the hazard of ever standing in the way of sinners, or walking after the counsel of the ungodly, or following evil companions. Enable me to respect the lessons of age and experience: clothe me with the ornament of an humbl

t, and contented spirit; and grant that
ıy carefully avoid every thing which I
d blush to reveal to my fellow-men, and
h would fill me with confusion and fear
ı I think of Thee. Forbid, great God,
I should misapply or trifle with any por-
of that precious time for the use of
h I am accountable at Thy bar. Give
race to find my highest delight in study-
ınd obeying Thy word, in approving my-
o Thee, in discharging my duty to those
whom I am connected, in laboring to
ne useful in my day and generation, and
ırming those habits which will qualify
or the felicity of heaven.
ɔray for these and for all other blessings
e name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, through
n I humbly hope to be pardoned and
ɔted now and evermore. Amen.

4

A Prayer for an Aged Person.

THOU great Author and Supporter of
life, who hast been the refuge of Thy
lren in every age, to Thee I raise my
t with thanksgiving and supplication.
ı hast maintained my frail existence
ıgh many years, and crowned its suc-
ve periods with Thy mercies. Where
ld I begin, or where should I cease,
d I enumerate the favors which Thy
l has bestowed on me? With what in-
nt kindness hast Thou supplied the
both of my body and of my soul
d to me many sources of satisfactic
'd me from dangers and calamit

d and sustained me under trials and
es, and conducted my feet into the
peace! What gratitude do I owe to
specially, for the light and assistance
holy gospel, for its precious promises
imating hopes, and for the many op-
ties and means of improvement which
enjoyed! Hitherto Thou hast led and
me; and my only trust is in Thy sure
ver-failing mercy.

venly Father! I confess to Thee my
rrors and transgressions with sorrow
pentance. Of Thine infinite goodness
whatever I have thought, or said, or
miss in the whole course of my pil-
e. Let my hoary head be found in the
righteousness. Whatever I may have
ed, whatever remains to be done, assist
perform immediately and to the best
ability. If I have injured any, enable
discover it, that I may make due repa-
before I go hence. Sanctify my mind,
my passions, preserve me from every
which I am exposed. Save me from a
censorious, severe, impatient, and dis-
d temper. Teach me to be thankful
e who contribute to my ease and com-
rejoice in the happiness of all around
d with a friendly spirit to instruct and
ish the rising generation. Help me,
lly, to render the religion of Thy Son,
rd, amiable and venerable in the esti-
of the young and of all around me, by
them an example of cheerful piety,
y entertaining a holy confidence in Thy
dence and grace.

erciful Saviour, my strength is now
labor and sorrow, and I shall soon go

down to the grave. Forsake me not, I beseech Thee; cast me not off in the time of mine old age. Let my affections be fixed upon the things which are above; let the prospect of heaven support me in every hour of suffering; and, when my heart and my flesh fail, be Thou the strength of my heart and my portion for ever, to whom with the Father and the Spirit be praise for ever. Amen.

5

A Prayer for a Child.

O LORD! Thou art my Father and my God, early will I seek, praise, and love Thee. I bless Thee for all Thy goodness to me, and in particular for those tender ties which bind me to my parents. I thank Thee for all their care and kindness; and rejoice to behold, in their unabating solicitude for my welfare, the image of Thy love. Enable me, I beseech Thee, to render unto them due honor and obedience, affection and gratitude. Assist me to submit with pleasure to their friendly guidance, to be patient under reproof, to abhor falsehood, to discharge all my obligations with a dutiful heart, and never to cause them tears and grief by any perverseness. Be pleased, O God, to prolong their health and life, to uphold them by Thy gracious providence, to make them happy in me and in all who belong to their family. Let Thy goodness follow them continually here, and reward them with eternal happiness beyond the grave.

Blessed guide of my youth, to Thee I

indebted for all the favors which I e
Assist me to become Thy child, to fo
after Thy friendship as the greatest o
blessings, and to dread displeasing The
the greatest of all calamities. Help me,
grow in stature, to grow in wisdom and g
ness, in favor with Thee and with my fel
men, like Thy beloved Son Jesus Chris
desire to understand and to rejoice in
gospel, to be His disciple, and to walk a
walked; and I pray, that, after this s
life on earth, I may be exalted with
for ever and ever. Amen.

6

A Prayer for a Husband or Wife.

MOST merciful and gracious God, I
up unto Thee who rulest over he
and earth, and desire to adore Thee a
Guardian and Guide. It is Thou who s
the solitary in families; domestic li
Thine institution; and Thou hast pronou
marriage to be honorable in all. Call
this state by Thy providence, I beseech
to make me sensible of its duties, and t
pose me to fulfill them with a perfect
and a willing mind. Let me ever act
the conviction that the covenants into w
I have entered with the chosen comp
of my life has been made in Thy sacred
sence, and that my vows of fidelity and
tion have been witnessed by Thee, the ri
ous Judge. Enable me to live as a Chr
in this relation, and to put away fr
whatever would interrupt the plea
improvement which it is adapted

e me grace to correct what is wrong in disposition, to govern my passions, to be vere judge of myself, but never to exact xpect too much from the friend and part- of my days. Assist me to become a bless- to *him* (*her*), a sharer of *his* joys, a con- r of *his* sorrows, and a helper to *him* in the changes of the world. Grant that we r live together in love and peace, exer- ng forbearance with each other's infirmi- , serving and rejoicing in Thee, and ying our regard for each other beyond fleeting and perishable world. Grant, in our dwelling, as in the tabernacle of righteous, the voice of salvation may be rd; that we may keep a strict watch over selves and all who depend upon us; that may suffer no vice to go unreproved, or to ain in our house persisted in and un- ended; and that all of us may cultivate a erful and obliging temper, and discharge respective duties in quietness and con- ment. By living together in virtue and iness here, may we be fitted for perfect city in heaven; and be united together, at , in indissoluble friendship, through Jesus ist, Thy Son, our Saviour and Lord. en.

7

Prayer for a Parent.

LMIGHTY God, Creator of men, from . *Thee cometh* every good and perfect *Thou hast* given me children, and ir d *my heart* with ardent affection f *Thou hast* committed them to

care, and commanded me to educate them as Christians, as intelligent and immortal beings. Oh make me fully sensible, I entreat Thee, of the solemnity and importance of this charge; and give me Thy gracious assistance, that I may train up my offspring in the way in which they ought to go. Enable me to entertain abiding convictions of the value of good instruction, and the necessity of early religious impressions. Enlighten and direct me in the choice of proper means for cultivating pious and virtuous principles in their tender minds. Make me constant and faithful in sowing in their hearts the incorruptible seed of divine truth, that they may love religion early, and partake of Thy divine nature. Increase my solicitude to set before them the pattern of a holy and good life; and never suffer me to forget that what I say and do cannot fail to influence the formation of their temper and character. Preserve me from the extremes of impatience and undue severity, and of excessive indulgence and misguided fondness. Direct me to the most rational and salutary expressions of my love to them; and help me to adapt my conduct to their several dispositions. And while I study to bring them forward on the stage of action with those advantages which are suitable to their condition, let me always remember that the care of the soul is the one thing needful, and let it be my highest concern to prepare them for eternity and heaven.

Gracious God, save me, I pray Thee, from the most grievous calamity which a parent can feel, that of beholding children vicious and miserable. Protect and bless those for whom my heart beats with the tender

r; and let them never be led astray by
customs and examples. Whatever
mayest deny me, oh grant that I may
m walking in the truth, adorned with
nce, virtue, and piety. Vouchsafe to
: any errors in my conduct towards
and to supply all my deficiencies.
I shall be removed hence, let me die
ie consciousness that I have not will-
eglected my duty to them. And in the
lay of the resurrection and judgment,
that we may be found together before
hrone, and that I may be enabled to
Here am I, O God, and the children
Thou hast given me. I ask for these
:s in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord
aster. Amen.

8

ger for a Person Suffering Poverty or Great Losses.

EAT and adorable God! Thou rulest
ver the armies of heaven, and Thou
utest Thy blessings among men, as it
:h good in Thy sight. Thou makest
and makest rich; Thou bringest low,
ftest up. Thou hast seen fit in Thine
e wisdom, to visit me with adversity
exercise me in an humble state. But
ood providence has preserved me hith-
as saved me from overwhelming want,
ven me many of the blessings of this
ıd *has* set before me the sweet hope of
r *world*. I would be grateful for what
; and I desire to acquiesce in Thy
itions, and not to indulge discont

on account of those things which Thou withholdest or takest away.

Direct me, I beseech Thee, in the use of honest means to repair my losses and to obtain a more comfortable subsistence: but, whether I obtain it or not, Thy will be done. Thou alone knowest if greater plenty would prove a blessing, or a snare to me and mine. Make me perfect in my submission, O Lord; cleanse my heart from sinful affections; and grant that I may be rich in faith and an heir of Thy promises. Reward, I pray Thee, those benefactors who have been instruments in Thy hand for doing me good. In every trouble let me experience that Thou art nigh unto them that put their trust in Thee. Whilst I continue in straitened circumstances, preserve me from unlawful methods of supplying my necessities, from taking Thy name in vain, and from asking with anxious, distrustful thoughts what shall I eat, or what shall I drink, or wherewith shall I be clothed? May I never feel envy at the sight of the great; and rather choose to endure every bodily hardship than to suffer the evil of spiritual poverty. May the example of Jesus, who was despised of men, who suffered hunger and thirst, and who had not where to lay His head, reconcile me to my condition. May it be enough for me that I can please Thee and hold fast my integrity. Whatever be my lot here, may I be enabled to lay up treasures in heaven, and finally be received into it, through the mediation of that Saviour, who was made perfect through sufferings, and is now set down at Thy right hand. Amen.

9

A Prayer for a Widow.

GHTY and everlasting God, I fly
hee for that consolation which I
humble myself under Thy mighty
hou givest, and Thou takest away;
ut Thy permission not a hair of our
fall to the ground. Thou hast been
o remove from me the husband of
ionate choice, my support and com-
r the labors and anxieties of this
fe. God of compassion, leave me
tim to sorrow; and, though Thou
forbidden me to mourn, let me not
ke those who are without Christian
desire to cast all my cares upon Thy
vidence; assured that I can never
ite whilst Thou art my helper, or
whilst I have Thee for my portion.
outward blessings Thou mayest be
o deny me, may I never be deprived
mfort of Thy love. Vouchsafe, I
e, to raise up friends to assist me in
ncies, and to counsel me to manage
s with discretion. Taught by pain-
ience, let me never forget what in-
attends all earthly enjoyments.
grace to behave with propriety and
o my condition, that I may be en-
all times to look with comfort to
ny Friend, my Father, my Life, my
. (To Thy tender mercy I com-
beloved children whom Thou hast
). To Thy direction I would en-
mit; into Thy hands I resign a
sts in time and eternity; and
l triumph in the exalted and

sured hope of being eternally happy wit
the objects of my affection, through
grace in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Sav
Amen.

10

A Prayer for a Servant.

O GOD, the Father Almighty, Mak
heaven and earth, it is the ordin
of Thy good providence that there shou
various stations and conditions in the v
It is Thou who appointest unto each th
cumstances in which he is placed; a
rejoice that with Thee there is no resp
persons, and that, whether men be hi
low in society, all are Thy children, a
furnished with the means of pleasing
and becoming happy. I would chee
submit to Thine unerring direction; ar
sire, with a contented and thankful he
accept of the portion which Thou give
Establish me, I beseech Thee, in the p
sion that my present situation is good f
and give me grace to reflect that ever
of life has its peculiar advantages and
Help me to cherish a meek and humbl
per, and to imitate my blessed Maste
took upon Him the form of a servar
condescended to the meanest offices, th
might set His disciples an example.
me to discharge the obligations incu
upon me with faithfulness and zeal, f
principle of obedience to Thee, my
knowing that Thou seest my inmost th
and that whatsoever good thing
doeth, the same shall he receiv

hands. Assist me to adorn my Chri
vocation by a careful, diligent, respectful
peaceable behavior, by the strictest sob
and honesty, and by a solicitude not to
the goods of those with whom I live, n
mispend that time which I am bound t
vote to their service. Make me duly g
ful for every benefit which I receive; an
me patiently suffer the inconveniences w
attend my lot. If it should please Th
Thou Supreme Disposer of events, to
my outward condition more prosperou
me improve it well. But, whatever
shalt order, let me be solicitous, abov
things, to obtain the forgiveness of my
and to seek Thy kingdom above; that I
be exalted to it after death, through
great mercy in Jesus Christ, my Redee
Amen.

11

A Prayer Before a Journey.

ALMIGHTY God, I raise my hea
Thee as the Father and Preserve
men, and rejoice that I cannot go where
art not present as the Ruler of nature, a
Guardian of the righteous, as the Hear
prayer. Thine eye is continually upon
and Thy good Spirit conducts Thy chil
through every stage of their pilgrimag
commend myself, O Lord, to the care of
providence in the journey upon which I
entering; humbly beseeching Thee to d
ne from evil, to preserve me from all
itions to sin, and to prosper me in
l designs. To Thy holy keeping

(my family and) my friends; and I pray, that, if it be Thy will, they may be blessed in body and in soul, that I may return to them in due season in safety, that I may have a fresh occasion to praise Thy name, and that we may long live together to enjoy the pleasures of domestic life, and to manifest our thankfulness for all Thy mercies. Hear my petitions, O Thou God of compassion; and let me rejoice in Thy grace and favor, through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

12

A Prayer for a Person Engaging in any Important Business.

GREAT and merciful God, I look up unto Thee, who teachest man knowledge, and givest both the skill and the power to accomplish useful purposes. Thou art my Guide and my Help; and without Thee I can do nothing. Prosperity and adversity are dispensed by Thee; and Thou alone seest what is good for Thy creatures. With submission to Thy will, I implore Thy blessing upon the work which is before me. Give me discretion and understanding to direct me. Preserve me from presumption, imprudence, indolence, and a confident expectation of success. Teach me to use with diligence and caution the means which Thou art pleased to afford me for the accomplishment of this design. Enable me, especially, I beseech Thee, to maintain integrity and a good conscience. May I form no plan and engage in no enterprise that may endanger the property, the comfort, or the virtue of my fellow-men

ut habitually dread and fly from every
ing which may injure my neighbor. May
always act under the influence of the truth,
at Thou lovest righteousness and hatest in-
quity, and that Thou wilt reward every man
ccording to his deeds. May I never fall
nto the temptations and snares of those
hose only aim is to be rich; but follow after
ustice, faith, love, patience, and meekness;
nd have the witness in mine own heart that
odliness with contentment is great gain.
hould it please Thee to crown my efforts
ith success, may I be duly thankful to Thee,
nd make a worthy use of Thy favors,
hould disappointment await me, may I sub-
nit with resignation, bless Thy name, and
rust in Thy providence. Whatever be the
vent, O Lord, do Thou keep me in the path
f duty, in Thy fear and Thy love. Let me
erform all things according to the directions
f that blessed Redeemer whose follower I
esire to be. And, finally, vouchsafe to re-
eive me into Thine everlasting kingdom,
hrough Thine unspeakable love in Jesus
hrist Thy Son. Amen.

13

A Prayer for a Person Exposed to Considerable Perils or Pains.

O GOD, the refuge and strength of Thy children, behold in mercy Thy feeble nd dependent creature, who flies to Thee for *ssistance and protection.* I have had much *xperience of* Thy goodness in every stag *d condition* of life, and in every afflicti *y mighty* hand has sustained me. Le

please Thee to continue Thy compassion, and to uphold me in every hour of danger. Preserve me from all distressing fears, and establish my confidence in Thy wise and gracious government. When my sorrows are enlarged, make haste for my deliverance, and bring me out of all my troubles, if it seem good to Thee. In the midst of any pains which I may be appointed to endure, let my patience be perfected and my fortitude be supported by Thy promises and the example of Thy Son. And though my heart and my flesh should fail, be Thou, O God, the strength of my heart; and vouchsafe to give me the portion of those who shall be raised to the unfading joy and glory of heaven, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

14

A Prayer for a Sick Person.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made! I desire humbly to own and to reverence Thy hand in my present affliction. May my bodily suffering make my heart better, and lead me more justly to value health and strength, and to employ them to nobler purposes than I have done, if this sickness shall not be unto death.

With submission to Thy will, I pray for the removal of my disorder and for the perfect restoration of my health. Endue me with resignation, patience, and meekness under the pain of disease and the irksomeness of confinement. Above all, prepare me for death. Blot out my numerous imperfe

tions and sins by Thine infinite merc
Christ Jesus. Purify my heart, and mal
the seat of faith, charity, and hope. Dis
and help me to set my house in order, an
do whatever is necessary in regard to
great change. And, when Thou removest
hence, grant me an entrance into that w
where the inhabitants shall no more s
am sick.

Into Thy hands, heavenly Father, I c
mit myself, desiring that no increase of
may produce repining, that I may be n
bered with those who love Thee, and th
may find by experience all things, and
sickness especially, working my spiri
good. In every alteration, let Thy pron
be precious to my soul, that I may come
conqueror through Thy blessed Son, and
Thy praises for ever and ever. Amen.

15

Another Prayer for a Sick Person.

O LORD my God, who givest life
breath and all things to Thy creat
and who hast not thought even a crow
everlasting life too much to promise to
children; Thou wilt not deny me wh
needful for my body and soul in my pas
through this world to that of honor and
mortality. I would raise my heart unto
with confidence in Thine infinite compas
Establish, I beseech Thee, in my soul
belief that Thou dost not willingly grie
children of men, but intendest good to
this Thy fatherly correction. Where
I have neglected Thee, or commi

offence against Thy laws, make me deeply sensible of it, and heartily sorrowful for all my transgressions. Mercifully accept my earnest desires of forgiveness, and prosper my serious resolutions to live more circumspectly and righteously in the time to come. Assist me, gracious Lord, to give a proof of the sincerity of my present prayers and professions, by patiently submitting to this distressing dispensation of Thy providence, and by cheerfully and meekly bearing whatever Thou shalt inflict. Fill my mind with reverence of Thy wisdom and authority, with a thankful remembrance of all Thy past mercies, with an entire reliance on Thy goodness, and with a supreme solicitude to delight in doing Thy will.

Thou, O God, art the Author of every remedy, and Thy power alone can check disease. I beseech Thee to bless the means which are used for the recovery of my health; that I may live, if it be Thy will, to perform my duties with greater care. But, if Thou hast otherwise appointed, accept, I pray Thee, of Thine unspeakable goodness, the sincerity of my repentance, according to the covenant to which Thou hast called me in Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Help me to finish the work which Thou hast given me to do, and without delay to make every necessary preparation; that, when the time of my dissolution draws near, I may have nothing else to do but to resign myself to Thee. If I have injured any, I would be reconciled unto them, and die in peace with all men. And when I shall suffer the last conflicts of nature, grant, great God, that I may keep my mind steadfastly fixed on that Saviour who

He had shed His blood for the remission
, led the way through the grave unto
n. And through Him be everlasting
s presented unto Thee from all the
en of Adam. Amen.

16

ger for the Head of a Family, under Apprehensions of Death, in Active Life.

EAT and adorable God, in whose hands
ny time and fate are reposed! hear the
rs of Thine unworthy servant, and for-
y soul under the distresses which I feel.
language of my Saviour, who suffered
, leaving me an example, I would say:
ier, if it be possible, let this cup pass
me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as
wilt." Spare me, I beseech Thee, if it
eeable to the purposes of Thine infinite
n, that I may provide for my family,
ing up my children in the nurture and
ition of the Lord. But, if Thou callest
nce, be Thou, O God, the husband of
mpanion, and the father of my off-
. Let Thy kind providence be their
nd support in this world, and Thy love
inheritance in the world to come.
ously supply their wants; protect them
njury; counsel them under every per-
y; and let them never by disobedience
Thy fatherly care. If I be no more
world, holy Father! keep those whom
ast given me; sanctify them through
th; and grant us a happy meeting i
rious presence above, through t

infinite riches of Thy grace, in Jesu
our Lord. Amen.

17

A Prayer for a Sincere Christian, when t prays but Small Hope of his Recove

GOD of the spirits of all flesh, Sc life and happiness, gracious Fat Friend! Thou hast brought me to t of death, and the hour of my departu eth nigh. Thou hast watched over r my entrance into the world; Thy mercy has followed me all my da Thou hast assured me of an incorrup heritance beyond the grave. Acc thanks of Thine unworthy servant for loving-kindness. Accept my thanks gift of Thy Son, for the promise of ness, for the precious hope of imm Thou hast gladdened and consoled me the whole of my career with countle ings and mercies, although I have nc ed the smallest. Pardon, of Thine goodness, my many imperfections a and be pleased to accept my feeble cere endeavors to serve Thee. Thou me away; and I am ready to follow joice that all my conflicts and pains a ing to a close. I rejoice that I shall privileged to pay Thee more worth homage which is due to Thee. I kn in Thy presence there is fullness of pleasure for evermore. Keep me, Thee, my heavenly Father, in t pendence on Thy rich and free blessed Redeemer. Help me

tiently like Him, while I am visited
sickness, and like Him to say at last,
immovable confidence, "Father, into
hand I commit my spirit." Comfort the
jects of my affection when I am remo
from the world; provide for them by
paternal love; preserve them for Thine e
lasting kingdom. There may I find all
whom I am now particularly concerned
united with every one whom I may
thought my foe, and triumph in Thy rede
tion with all the children of Adam. Li
or dying, I am Thine; and Thy will be d
O death, where is thy sting? O gr
where is thy victory? Thanks be to
who giveth me the victory through my
Jesus Christ. Amen.

18

A Prayer for a Person Recovered from Alar Sickness.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, and all
is within me bless His holy n
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget
all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine
quities, who healeth all thy diseases,
redeemeth thy life from destruction,
crowneth thee with loving-kindness
with tender mercies. I praise Thee,
God that, although Thou hast chastened
Thou hast not given me over unto deatl
praise *Thee,* that Thy powerful arm
arrested the progress of the destroye
helped me out of all my troubles.
Thee for every comfort and allevi
pain with which Thou hast been

sh me, and especially for the love of my
ds and the promises of Thy gospel. I
owledge Thine inexpressible goodness in
oring me from the brink of the grave and
n the anguish of suffering, to endeared
nections, to enlivened hopes, to new op-
rtunities and increased motives for culti-
ting Christian affections, for abounding in
od works, and for laying up treasures in
eaven.

O God, let not these opportunities be ne-
glected by me, but be wisely improved to
Thy glory.

I have experienced Thy power and com-
passion. May I ever live in the exercise of
a grateful confidence in both, and be duly
sensible of my total dependence upon Thy
providence and government.

I have been brought to feel the realities of
the world to come, the worth of Thy favor
the value of a conscience void of offence
Almighty God! let the convictions which
have had of them never be extinguished
my breast. Enable me at all times to ent
tain that humble contrition for my sins
that penitential sense of my need of
mercy, which the nearness of death was
strumental in producing. Help me to ap
ciate, as I ought, eternal things, and to d
that Thou requirest, in order that I
secure Thine approbation and friendshi
and uncertainty of the world. Preser
from attaching too much importance
pleasures, honors, and possessions; an
me constantly to remember how rap
passing away.

Thou hast taught me, by sa

worth of friendship; and the offices of kindness which have been performed for me, have, with Thy blessing, cheered, supported, and kept me alive. My God, let me never be insensible of the love of those whose hearts Thou hast warmed with good-will towards me. Make me ready to return their benevolence on every occasion. Let me be softened with humanity towards all that suffer; and let me never behold a sick-bed without sympathy and charity.

It was Thy gospel, O Thou God of all consolation in Christ Jesus, from which my hope was derived when the shadows of death appeared to encompass me. The assurances which it contains of Thy forbearance and mercy, and of eternal life through Thy Son, were the only support of my spirit. Oh give me grace to cling with faster hold than ever to this rock of salvation, to abide in the love of Jesus, to follow Him undismayed, and constantly to hope through Him for redemption and celestial happiness.

Preserver of my being! Thou hast now shown me how frail I am, hast given me a striking proof of the precariousness of life; and I know, that, ere long, I shall bid farewell to all whom I now behold. May I be better prepared than I have been for my departure hence. May I walk by faith, and not by sight. May I be concerned to be always ready, and to be found in that frame of mind which will enable me to welcome death as the messenger of peace.

Hear my prayers, I beseech Thee; forgive *my sins, and* make me Thine for evermo *through Jesus* Christ. Amen.

19

A Prayer for an Awakened Sinner.

O THOU righteous and holy Being, from whom no secrets can be hid, I am ashamed, and blush to lift up my face to Thee. Mine iniquities are increased over my head, and my trespass is grown up unto the heavens. I have slighted Thine authority, forgotten the one thing needful, rebelled against Thee, my Sovereign and my Father, and violated laws which are perfectly holy, just, and good. Unthankful for Thy mercies, and despising Thine instructions, I have cast off Thy fear, pursued the pleasures of sin, and nearly destroyed myself. My example has corrupted and emboldened others in vice. I tremble while I think of the injury which I may have done to my companions. I tremble while I reflect upon th vile return which I have made to Thee, th best of beings, and upon the gulf of ru towards which I have been approachin Hadst Thou entered into judgment with n and rewarded me according to my dese how awful would have been my conditi Wretched man that I am, who shall deli me and break the power of my evil hab God of compassion, be merciful to me a ner. Unworthy as I am, cast me not from Thy presence; deny me not the which Thou hast encouraged me to imp help, Lord, or I perish; save my so soul, and give me repentance unto Impute not unto me, I beseech Th transgressions; accept my humiliat remorse; and grant me to say, fr rience, with Thee there is plente

ess and redemption. Create in me a clean eart, and renew a right spirit within me. et not evil be present with me, when I ould do good. Let me no longer run into ie danger which I see. Let not unbelief nd passion and temptation prevail against ie convictions which Thou hast given me of ie malignity and danger of sin, of the vanity f the world, of the worth of the soul, and of ie awfulness of eternity. Preserve me from eing fatally hardened and blinded. And ough I have dishonored Thee and depraved yself, Almighty God, let Thy Spirit ope- ate upon my mind, and raise me up from ie death of sin unto a life of righteousness.

Lord of life! cut me not off from the land f the living until I am fit for death and udgment. Spare me to bring forth fruits eet for repentance. Give me grace to be- ome such as I ought to be, to counteract the vil effects of the criminal course I have pur- ued, to make restitution to those I have in- ured, and to teach transgressors Thy ways. nspire me with a dread of relapsing into ose iniquities which have hidden from me ie light of Thy countenance. Whatever lse may happen, whatever my vices and imes may produce to me, let not the eligious impressions of this moment be ever rgotten.

O Lord, I am guilty and deserving of Thy rath; but Thou hast revealed to me that hou wilt not despise the sacrifices of a roken spirit. My whole reliance is on Thy *ercy in* Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast set *rth to be* a propitiation through faith in *is blood*, and who is able to save to th *ermost* all that come unto Thee thro

Him. In the name of this Mediator I offer up my prayers; and I desire to glory in His cross, and to be accepted through Him now and evermore. Amen.

20

Another Prayer for an Awakened Sinner.

O THOU infinitely great and glorious Jehovah! I would raise my heart to Thee as the all-wise and righteous Governor of heaven and earth. From the habitation of Thy holiness, Thou beholdest all the children of men. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity, wheresoever Thou seest it; neither can evil dwell with Thee.

I am convinced, great God, that Thou hast an absolute right to my homage and allegiance. Thou art my Maker and my Sovereign; Thy laws are just and good in themselves, and adapted to answer the most beneficial purposes. Thou hast written Thy will in the book of nature and the volume of revelation, and enforced it with the most solemn and awful sanctions. Thou hast set life and death, heaven and hell before me; my body and my soul, with all their faculties and interests, are every moment in Thy hand. And yet in how many instances have I revolted from Thee, and disregarded Thy salutary counsels and commands; how far has my heart been from Thy service and Thine ordinances; what corrupt desires and passions have I harbored; what an excessive fondness for the world have I discovered; how foolishly have I preferred temporal gratifications and pursuits to eternal joys; how great

must my behavior and example have inju
my fellow-creatures; and what distress, c
order and remorse, have I prepared by
vices for my own soul! And, O Thou m
compassionate Father and Friend of
human race, how much more aggravated
my offences, when considered as commit
against the experience I have had of T
loving kindness, against the endearing t
of gratitude, as well as against the obligati
of duty and interest! Thou hast nourish
and brought me up as Thy child; and ye
have rebelled against Thee. Thou hast b
my Guardian, my Guide, my unwear
Benefactor; to Thee I am indebted for
my worldly comforts; to Thy rich and f
grace I owe the discoveries and invitati
of the gospel, the offers of pardon, and
hope of eternal felicity through the mediat
of Christ Jesus Thy Son. And yet how h
I abused Thy goodness, misapplied my
vantages, despised Thy grace, and rejec
the offers of life and salvation!

Blessed God, I confess my guilt; I am s
sible that Thy favor is life; I feel that I m
perish if I remain far from Thee. H
mercy upon me, miserable offender;
teach me so to think on my ways as to m
haste and not delay to keep Thy comma
ments. I adore Thy forbearance in leng
ening out the space given me for repentar
though I have so long neglected this gr
and necessary work; and I pray, that I n
no longer draw back from the yoke of d
Give me, O Lord, abiding views of the s
ness and uncertainty of life, of the gr
ower of evil habits, and of the vanity
cting greater assistances of Thy

Spirit, if I resist those which Thou hast already afforded me. Enable me carefully to cherish every serious impression that may be made on my mind, and diligently to improve all the helps with which I am favored. Dispose me to seek Thee whilst Thou mayest be found, and to call upon Thee whilst Thou art near. Assist me to learn that lesson which I am so slow to learn, and inspire me with a taste for the pleasures of religion and devotion. Spiritualize my affections, ennoble my pursuits; quicken my desires and endeavors; and grant that with full purpose of heart I may cleave unto Thee the Lord.

Gracious God, though I have sinned against light and knowledge, and have justly deserved to forfeit all Thy friendship, yet I would rejoice that with Thee my help is found. Thou art ready to receive the penitent, and art waiting to be gracious to them. Thou hast sent Thine only-begotten Son to seek and to save those that are lost. Reconcile me to Thyself, and forgive and accept of me, for Thy mercy's sake in Him. And grant, that, being made free from sin and become a servant to Thee, I may possess peace of heart, have my fruit unto holiness, and in the end receive the unspeakable and unmerited gift of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

21

A Prayer for a Person recovered from a Negligent Mind to a Serious View of Religious Truth.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, thou just and equitable Ruler of the children of men! behold in mercy Thy frail and for

getful child, who turns unto Thee with a pen
tent and humble heart. Blessed be Th
name that I am brought to see how carele
and unprofitable I am. Blessed be Th
name that, though I have been greatly ir
considerate and negligent, Thy providenc
and grace have prevented me from fallin
into presumptuous and atrocious transgre
sions. But, while I thank Thee, my heavenl
Father for the restraints which have bee
laid upon me, I confess with shame that
have often been unmindful of what I owe t
Thee and Thy beloved Son, and that I hav
not been duly influenced by the principles o
Thy sacred gospel. I have not been diliger
in advancing the welfare of my fellow-me
have often lost sight of the concerns of m
own soul and of the world to come, have bee
estranged from the worship and the love o
Thee, have not been studious to govern m
heart, to rise above grovelling views, and t
live by faith in Him who loved me and gav
Himself for me. But I purpose before The
who knowest my heart with all its frailtie
no longer to be like those who are withou
God in the world. And I beseech The
from whom wisdom and virtue proceed, t
forgive the levity, the vanity, the folly, th
worldly mind, with which I have bee
chargeable, and to inspire me with th
Christian temper which I have neglected t
cultivate. Oh give me fervent desires an
abiding resolutions to serve and love The
and to press toward the mark for the priz
of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Exc
me to diligence in reading, meditation,
prayer. Assist me to delight in the
nances of Thy house, and in the study o

holy word. Arm me against the influence of vain customs and of careless companions. Lead me to make the regulation of my own mind, and the practice of a pious and virtuous life, my chief care and business. Help me to keep the instructions and the model of my blessed Redeemer habitually before mine eyes, to confess His name without fear before men, to follow no other maxims but His, to labor and cherish concern for His glorious cause, and to employ my powers and possessions in the service of society according to His precepts. I would no longer live with my wishes and endeavors all centering here; but as a candidate for immortality, as a being who expects a judgment and an eternal state, as the disciple of a risen Redeemer who will come again and take His faithful followers to His own heavenly glory.

Gracious God, be pleased to pardon my sins, to accept this act of self-devotion, and to establish my holy purposes. I have sworn that I will keep Thy righteous statutes. Do Thou give me strength to fulfill my vows, to grow in grace; and let nothing ever be able to separate me from the love of Thee in Christ Jesus my Lord. Amen.

22

A Prayer for a Sincere Penitent Distressed by the Difficulties which attend his Christian Improvement.

FATHER of mercies, whose strength upholds the weak, I come to Thee for protection and assistance, and rejoice that Thou hast encouraged me to seek Thy face. Thou

experienced that Thou art good, and praise Thee for what Thou hast already done for my soul. From what threatening dangers has Thy paternal love delivered me; what everlasting gratitude is due to Thee for opening the eyes of my mind, and affecting my heart with a sense of my duty to Thee; what tribute can I offer, expressive of that divine goodness, to which it is owing that I am not blind and dead in trespasses and sins, and that I have not been cut off from this probationary state, unconcerned about the fate which awaits me.

O God, I adore Thee as my Father and my Saviour, and bless Thee for the merciful promises which Thou hast given me through Thy Son. But I confess and lament before Thee my weakness and unfruitfulness. I lament the sins which so easily beset me. I lament the difficulties in discharging my obligations which are the sad effects of my former carelessness and wickedness. I lament the wanderings of my mind, the coldness of my affections, the power which past follies and transgressions still exercise too frequently over my imagination. I confess that I deserve to suffer, and that Thou art righteous in all Thy ways and doings. But I beseech Thee, Almighty God, to strengthen me by Thy Spirit in the inner man, and to preserve me from fainting under the tribulations which attend me. Oh bend my will more perfectly to Thine; and let none of those things which once subdued me any longer prove a snare. *Thou knowest that* I hunger and thirst after *righteousness, give* success, I pray Thee, to *my endeavors,* my watchfulness, my supplications. Cleanse me from every pollution

both of the mind and the flesh; and cause me to know that blessed is the man who endureth temptation. Save me from presumption and from despair of success. Teach me to labor with diligence and to confide in Thee. And grant me to realize that wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and that the path of the righteous is like the morning light, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

My soul looks for help unto Thee, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that I ask or think. And unto Thee be glory by Christ Jesus, world without end. Amen.

23

A Prayer for an Upright Christian distressed by Fears respecting His final Acceptance and Salvation.

O THOU, before whose eyes all things are naked and open, who triest the reins of the children of men! I fly to Thee oppressed with sadness and fear. Thou hast invited the weary and heavy-laden to partake of mercy: receive me, Thy sorrowful suppliant, and revive my fainting soul. Thou delightest not in the misery of Thy creatures; heal Thou the wounds of my heart. I confess, O my God, that my sins have deserved more grievous punishments than I feel, and that it would be impossible for me to abide Thy strict inquisition; but I plead the wonderful expressions of Thy love and compassion to the contrite and humble, which are contained in Thy word. Hast Thou not declared that

oughts are thoughts of peace and not
? Hast Thou not assured Thy people
lthough a mother should forget her
yet Thou wilt not forget or forsake
offspring? Hast Thou not so loved
rld as to give Thine only-begotten Son
and wilt Thou not with Him freely
all things which we need?
ord, Thou knowest my frame and re-
rest that I am but dust. Thou art
ited with my frailties and apprehen-
Thou seest that, infirm and guilty as
my soul thirsteth for Thee the living
is the hart panteth after the water-
. Be pleased to forgive my sins, to
my despondency; and help me to
Thee with a quiet and cheerful heart.
e my disease, whether of body or of
if this seem good to Thine infinite
; and forbid that I should entertain
ught injurious to Thee and dishonor-
the clemency of Thy character as
d in Thy gospel. Preserve me from
n; dispel my doubts; confirm my
n Thy promises; clothe me with the
its of salvation. Above all, I beseech
o give me grace perfectly to do and to
Thy will. Help me to bring forth
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am led by Thy Spirit and am autho-
o call Thee Abba, Father. Whatever
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light, persuaded that Thou art greater
ter than my heart, and wilt not reje
t sincerely seek Thy face throu
om Thou hast appointed the

diator of our race. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope Thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance and my God." Amen.

24

A Prayer for a Communicant before the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

SUPREMELY exalted and adorable God unto whom all hearts are open! I desire to worship Thee as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. I adore Thine unspeakable goodness in raising up this great Deliverer from sin and death, for a benighted, guilty, and ruined world. I praise Thee for the spiritual and heavenly blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon me through His mediation, crucifixion, and resurrection. What gracious instructions flowed from His tongue! What spotless purity marked His life! What love and zeal filled His heart! With what patience and kindness did He seek those that were lost! What astonishing miracles attested His mission! What a miracle of benevolence was exhibited in His painful and bloody death on the cross! How triumphantly did He conquer the grave and ascend to Thy throne in heaven! Gracious God, how complete is His redemption, how amazing Thy benignity, how attracting and transporting the thought of my Saviour's compassion and victory! What could have been done for Thy rebellious offspring that has not been done? What light, what comfort, what e

couragement, what hope can I need which the gospel of Christ Jesus does not abundantly supply?

O Thou who seest in secret! I confess that I am unworthy of my Christian privileges, and that I have not adorned my profession in all respects, as I ought to have done, by a holy walk and conversation. Who can tell how oft he offendeth? My heart condemns me in many things; and I am grieved when I consider in how small a degree I possess the spirit and temper of my Lord. Help Thou me to examine and judge myself, that I may not be condemned by Thee. Lead me, I beseech Thee, to a full acquaintance with the state of my soul, and prepare me for the holy exercises to which I am called. Save me from all delusion, pride, and self-deceit. Forgive, of Thine infinite goodness, every offence which I have committed; and accept the renewal which I am about to make of my vows.

Thou invitest me to the memorial of my Saviour's dying love; and blessed be Thy name for this means of enkindling and increasing my affection and gratitude to Him. Take me into Thy holy keeping, and grant that I may experience no distraction of mind. Let me not be an unfurnished guest, to whom it may be justly said, "How camest thou in hither, not having on a wedding garment?" Let me approach the ordinance with penitence, thankfulness, and faith, with love and charity to all mankind. Eating the bread and *drinking the* cup which Jesus instituted, *let me embrace* and hold fast the covenan *of mercy, and* find redemption through H *blood. Direct* me to profitable meditati

upon what He said, did, and suffered; and let the remembrance of His love, His sacrifice, and His glory comfort, support, and strengthen me in life and death.

Heavenly Father, be Thou with Thy servant who ministers to me in the sanctuary, with my fellow-communicants, with all my Christian brethren, and with every human being. Dispose all who encircle Thine altar to feel and to act as friends, partakers of the same grace and heirs of one blissful inheritance, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

25

A Prayer for a Communicant after the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

FATHER of mercies and God of love! Thou hast caused Thy goodness to pass before me this day. Follow with Thy blessing what I have been permitted and enabled to perform in obedience to the injunction of Thy Son, my Lord. If Thy pure eyes have seen any thing culpable in my religious services, I beseech Thee to pardon me. Let not the pious reflections which have occupied my attention, or the purposes which I have formed, in the company of my fellow-worshippers, and in showing forth the death of Jesus, ever be strange to my heart.

I have avowed Thee, the Lord, to be my God, engaging to keep Thy commandments and to hearken to Thy voice. I have confessed Thy Son before men, publicly receiving His testimony, solemnly acknowledging Him to be my divine Master and Guide, my

Saviour and Forerunner in the path of holiness and glory. Oh forbid that I should ever make shipwreck of faith, by not holding fast a good conscience. Preserve me from the smallest degree of that spirit which works in the children of disobedience. Preserve me from proving faithless to my vows, and from bringing reproach on the Christian name. Help me to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth; to abide in Him, the true vine; and to stand fast in the liberty wherewith He hath made His disciples free. Enable me at all times to remember His new command, that we should love one another even as He has loved us. Save me from the shocking inconsistencies and the dreadful fate of those who call Him Lord, Lord, but unto whom He will say, "Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." Raise my affections from earth to heaven; and assist me to be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Merciful Father, I have found that it is good for me to draw nigh unto the table of my crucified and exalted Redeemer. Make me habitually attentive to this cheering institution. While I thereby learn to value the Saviour and His gospel more, let me rejoice in the persuasion that there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, and that through Him we have mercy and the forgiveness of sin. May I be privileged to come with boldness to Thy throne in His name, and His peace keep my heart in every *changing* scene. May I regard it as my *highest honor* to be His disciple and an i*nstrument* for advancing His kingdom amo*ng men.* *May* I triumph in this, that my I

who was once dead, lives and reigns for ever and that where He is His faithful followers shall also be. When He comes to judge the world, may He not be ashamed of me, but receive me into His own mansions of love and joy.

Once more, O Thou Parent of all, I implore Thy blessing upon Thy Church universal, and upon the whole human family. Comfort every sorrowful soul. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and gone astray. Convert all such as are in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity. Lead all Christians to be careful to maintain good works. Let Thy grace be multiplied upon the religious society of which I am a member, and upon the pastor of the flock. Let all with whom I am connected, and who are dear to me, be enrolled in the book of life; and let them and me be brought to sing the praises of God and of the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

26

A General Prayer which may be Used at any Time.

O GOD, the Maker and Governor of the world! I, Thine unworthy servant, would appear before Thee, under the deepest sense of Thy perfections and of my total dependance upon Thy providence and grace. I rejoice that I am privileged to worship Thee, whose glories are far exalted above all that I can conceive, and before whom the hosts of heaven bow down with the profoundest reverence. I adore Thee as possessed of all comprehending knowledge, unerring wisdo

unlimited power, impartial justice, unbounded goodness, unspotted purity, unchangeable truth and faithfulness. I acknowledge Thee to be the giver of all good gifts, and the disposer of all events. I confess that Thy favor alone is life, and that I cannot be happy without Thy love. I am sensible that Thou art the tenderest Father and best Friend to Thy creatures, prescribing only such laws to them as are highly salutary, ever disposed to lead them to their true felicity, ready to promote and assist their sincere endeavors to obtain it, and constantly exercising Thy perfections for this purpose. Precious is the thought of Thee to all who are acquainted with Thy character, and who study to accomplish Thy gracious designs. Worthy art Thou of the homage, affection, and obedience of all intelligent beings in heaven and on earth.

I praise Thee, O Lord, that amidst the multitude of Thy creatures and subjects, I am not forgotten and overlooked; but that Thou knowest and lovest, and providest for me, as Thy child, with paternal care. I praise Thee that Thou hast preserved me from many calamities and sufferings. I thank Thee for all the powers of my nature, for the satisfactions and comforts of society, for the kindness of my relations and friends, for every domestic enjoyment, for the measure of health and prosperity with which I am favored, and for all those outward conveniences and advantages which Thou hast been *pleased to give me.* I thank Thee that Thou *hast formed me* after Thine own image, and *me free and* intelligent, and destined me *an immortal* existence. I bless Thee for

the assistances which I have received for the cultivation of my mind, and for all the means of education and religion. Above all, I desire to bless Thee for the mission and gospel of Christ Jesus, Thy well-beloved and only-begotten Son. I bless Thee for the satisfactory evidences He gave that He was truly sent by Thee for the salvation of the world. I bless Thee for His divine instructions, for His perfect example, and for all His labors and sufferings. I bless Thee for His humbling Himself even to the death of the cross, and shedding His blood for the remission of our sins; for His resurrection from the grave, and for His entrance into heaven as our Captain and Forerunner. I bless Thee for the effusion of the Holy Spirit upon His Apostles, for the propagation of His doctrines, and for the preservation of His church. How rich is the grace which I have received through His mediation! How wonderfully hast Thou provided for my improvement, my comfort, and my everlasting welfare! What can I render unto Thee in return for that mercy, to which alone it is to be ascribed, that I am not wandering in a land of darkness, superstition, and idolatry, that I am not the victim of fear and despair? What gratitude do I owe to Thy dear Son, who submitted to the most cruel death, that I might rejoice in the hope of Thy compassion, and in the assurance of eternal life and glory! Never, O God, can I repay, never can I fully express or worthily praise Thee for all that Thou hast done for my soul, for all the benefits which Thou art continuing to bestow upon me from day to day.

Encouraged, merciful Father, by the

valuable promises of my Lord and Saviour, I draw near unto Thy throne, to entreat of Thee the pardon of whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in me. I confess to Thee, that my sins and infirmities are many and great, and that I could not expect any portion of Thy favor if Thou shouldst be extreme to mark and to punish what is wrong. But it is the consolation and support of my mind, that Thou hast sent Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, and that Thou art pleased to accept the upright endeavors of the humble and penitent to reform whatever has been criminal in their hearts and conduct. Forgive, I beseech Thee, every willful thought, disposition, word, and deed, which has been displeasing in Thy sight; and vouchsafe to justify me upon those terms which Thy holiness and mercy have laid down in the gospel. I do willingly and entirely forgive all who may have injured or offended me. If I have done wrong to any, I am ready to make all possible reparation. I seriously renounce all communication with whatsoever Thou hast forbidden, and devote myself to Thy service and the performance of Thy will. I am persuaded that these are indispensable qualifications for Thy favor; and earnestly beseech Thee to give success to my purposes by the influences of Thy Spirit and the dispensations of Thy providence.

May I never go astray from the truth as it is in Jesus, but seek for it with an impartial and unprejudiced mind—be delivered from *those passions* which hinder its discovery and *obey it from* the heart. May I be animated *by that faith* which overcomes the world *which purifies* the soul, and which works

love. May I be filled with that hope which will not suffer me to be ashamed, but will cause me to run with patience the race set before me. May I be possessed of that charity which is the end of the commandment, and without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. May I cherish a constant regard to Thee as my Ruler and Judge, worship Thee with a thankful and resigned temper, praise Thee with gladness, and rejoice in Thy protection. May I be concerned to resemble my honored Master in every divine and amiable disposition, and imbibe His zeal, His devotion, His fortitude, His humility, His compassion and benevolence. May I delight, like Him, in doing good; and press forward with unremitting ardor towards the mark of the prize of my high calling.

My outward condition, O Lord, it is my happiness and duty to refer wholly to Thy wisdom. With submission to Thy will, I implore from Thee those things which are necessary to the security and comfort of life; and pray that I may be preserved from great calamities and afflictions, if this be consistent with Thy gracious purposes. Lead me in that path which Thou seest to be best for me. Help me to become perfectly contented, to repose unlimited confidence in Thy government, and to improve health and sickness, joy and sorrow, to Thy glory. May I so pass through things temporal as not to forget the things which are eternal. May I so use the world as not to abuse it. Moderate in my desires for its good things, temperate in every lawful gratification, and patient under every disappointment, trial, or suffering, I constantly aspire to a higher bliss than

which can here be obtained, lay a good foundation against the time to come, and daily look forward to the glory which is about to be revealed to Thy faithful servants. May I behold the approach of death with peace and satisfaction; and when my course is finished, be removed from this mixed state of discipline to the land of unfading happiness and perfect love.

I praise Thee, O God, that Thou art the merciful Parent of all men; and I beseech Thee to have compassion upon and to save every individual of the human family. Be pleased to bless my friends, to reward my benefactors, and to take into Thy holy keeping the family with which I am connected. Visit with Thy light and comfort all who are afflicted with sickness and pain. Console and cheer all who are distressed in mind. Provide for the relief of those who are suffering want. Pity the widow and orphan; gladden the hearts of such as mourn the loss of those they loved; hear the cries of the persecuted and oppressed; be nigh unto all who are in circumstances of peril. Turn the ungodly to the love and fear of Thy name; support and strengthen every upright soul; give rest and joy to every weary and heavy-laden sinner. Spread the gospel of Christ Jesus throughout the earth; put an end to all war, strife, tyranny, and injustice; and let every nation become virtuous, enlightened, and happy. Direct our rulers; preserve our liberties; prosper our citizens; assist us to become a righteous people whom thou wilt bless and protect; and let all our institutions for the education of youth, and for the ma-

tenance and diffusion of pure religion be crowned with success.

Accept, O God, I beseech Thee, these sentiments and desires of my heart which I offer up in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, through whom I trust for the acceptance of my person, and all my sincere but imperfect services. And unto Thee be endless praise and glory. Amen.

APPENDIX.

FORMULA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

CHAPTER I.

PRELIMINARY PRINCIPLES.

SECTION I. We believe that from an examination of the works of nature and the course of events, we may derive evidence of the existence of God and the prominent truths of natural religion.[1]

II. But that the evidence of natural religion is not such as to afford us a satisfactory knowledge of the nature of God and our relation to Him; nor its influence sufficient to urge us to duty;[2] and that, therefore, a further revelation from God is desirable and necessary.

III. We believe that such a revelation God has given at "sundry times and in divers manners," unto the fathers, and in later days by His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and His inspired Apostles;[3] and that this revelation is contained in the books known in Protestant Christendom *as the Old and New Testaments*;[4] and that *every individual*, hearing the gospel and being

[1] *Rom. i. 20.*
[2] *Heb. i. 1, 2.*
[3] Acts iv. 12; Rom. iii. 1, 2.
[4] 2 Tim. iii. 16.

able to comprehend its requirements, is bound to receive the Word of God as his infallible rule of faith and practice, and to be governed by it.[1]

IV. As we believe that God alone is Lord of the conscience, therefore, we hold that liberty of conscience and the free exercise of private judgment in matters of religion, are natural and unalienable rights of men, of which no government, civil or ecclesiastical, can deprive us.[2]

V. As order is necessary to the prosperity of every associate body, and as Jesus Christ has left no entire specific form of Government and Discipline for His Church, it is the duty of every individual Church, or association of Churches, to adopt such regulations as appear to them most consistent with the spirit and precepts of the New Testament, and best calculated to subserve the interest of the Church of Christ.

VI. And as men exercising the right of private judgment in matters of religion agree in the opinion that Christianity requires a social connection among its professors, and as experience proves that men will differ in some of their views of doctrine and discipline; and as too much difference of opinion would be prejudicial to the objects of the association, therefore reason dictates that those of similar views should associate together; that it is their duty to require for admission to church-membership among them, or for induction into the sacred office, and for continuance in either, such terms as they deem most accordant with the precepts and spirit of the Bible.

VII. Upon the broad basis of these principles was the Evangelical Lutheran Church founded immediately after the Reformation. Adhering

1 John v. 39; Acts xvii. 11; John xiv. 16, 17.
2 Acts iv. 19.

to the same principles, the Lutheran Church in America is governed by *three Judicatories;* the *Council* of each individual Church: the *District Synods*, consisting of all the clergy and an equal number of laymen from a particular district of country; and one GENERAL SYNOD formed by representatives from all the different Synods of the Lutheran Church in its connection.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE CHURCH.

PART I.—*Of the Invisible Church.*

SECTION I. The true or invisible Church of Christ is the collective body of all[1] those of every religious denomination in the world who are in a state of grace.[2]

II. We also believe that this invisible Church the Lord Jesus Christ has not only promised to preserve against all the attacks of its enemies, but has vouchsafed His presence in all its vicissitudes to the end of time.[3]

PART II.—*Of the External or Visible Church.*

SECTION I. The visible Church is the collective body of those who profess the Christian religion; consisting of all those who have been formally admitted to membership,[4] and have not been deprived of it by excommunication.

II. Of this visible Church, we believe that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the true and *only Head*;[5] having neither abandoned His

[1] *Eph. iv. 1, 7.* [2] Matt. vii. 21; xii. 50; Acts x. 35
[3] *Matt.* xxviii. 20. [4] Matt. xxviii. 19.
[5] *Eph* v. 22, 24.

Church nor appointed any vicar in His stead, but instituted sacraments and established ordinances of perpetual observance.

III. As the spirit of Christianity leads its possessors to social intercourse[1] with each other; and as such a connection is essential to the accomplishment of the object of the Christian Church; and as such a relation can subsist only among persons of contiguous residence; therefore Christians, living near together have, from the time of the Apostles,[2] formed themselves into societies for the better attainment of the objects of the Christian institution. And every society participates in the duties of the whole Church.

IV. It is the duty of every such society and of the visible Church at large to have the word and sacraments administered in their purity,[3] to give an adequate and just support to the pastor or pastors who minister unto them, to provide for the perpetuation of an able and faithful ministry,[4] and to endeavor to propagate the gospel to the ends of the earth.[5]

V. It is the duty of the Church to watch over the purity and faithfulness of her members.[6]

VI. The jurisdiction of the Church is purely spiritual; it ought to have no connection with the civil government,[7] neither ought its doctrinal and disciplinary decisions be enforced by the arm of civil power.

VII. The power of the Church is purely *declarative*, founded solely on the Word of God, whether exercised by an individual church-council, or by any other ecclesiastical judicatory; the *Bible* containing their judicial code, and their decisions are valid only because *founded* on Scripture.

1 John xiii. 34, 35; Heb. x. 24.
2 Acts ii. 41, 42.
3 Gall. i. 8, 9; 1 Tim. vi. 3.
4 1 Cor. ix. 13.
5 Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.
6 1 Cor. v. 7–13.
7 John xviii. 36.

III. The visible Church is not an associa- to which we may belong or not at our n; but it is the duty of every one who has pportunity, to be a faithful member of it.[1]

CHAPTER III.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Of Pastors.

SECTION I. Our Lord and Saviour himself instituted the clerical office in the New Testament hurch, and made it of perpetual standing.[2] he persons filling this office, are in Scripture esignated by different names, as bishop, presyter or elder, &c.,[3] indicative of the duties of the office. These are by divine right of equal rank,[4] and their duties are principally *to expound the Word of God, to conduct the public worship of God,*[5] *to administer the sacraments of the Church,*[6] *and to admonish men of their duties,*[7] as well as by all proper means, public and private, to edify the Church of Christ.

II. Those other officers who were endowed with miraculous gifts, and whose instrumentality Christ used in first forming the Church, were extraordinary and of temporary standing.

III. Pastors are amenable for their conduct to the Synod to which they belong; and that Synod is the tribunal which has the entire jurisdiction over them: excepting in those cases where a regular appeal is obtained to the General Synod, agreeably to Article V. Sec. I. of the Constitution of General Synod.

[1] *Matt.* x. 32 xi. 28.
[2] *Eph.* iv. 11
[3] *Eph.* iv. 11
[4] *Acts* vi. 2.
[5] John xviii. 36.
[6] Luke xxii. 25, 26.
[7] Matt. xxviii. 19.

IV. No minister shall knowingly grant to a member of another congregation any privileges of the Church which would be denied to said member by his own pastor.

V. It is the sacred duty of every minister so to conduct himself that his life shall present to his congregations an example of true Christian propriety of deportment. And should any minister of our Church be guilty of any conduct affecting his ministerial character or standing, (which may God in mercy prevent!) it shall be the duty of the church-council earnestly to exhort him several times to reformation; and if this should prove ineffectual, or if the case be such as to bring disgrace upon the Church, to report him to the President of the Synod.

Of Elders and Deacons.

VI. The other officers of the Church are Elders and Deacons, who are elected by the members of the Church as their agents to perform some of the duties originally devolving on themselves. The principal duties of Elders are to aid the pastor or pastors in administering the government and discipline of the Church: to endeavor to preserve peace and harmony in the Church; to visit the congregational schools, and promote the religious education of the children of the Church; and to visit the sick and afflicted: and aid in the performance of such other duties as are incumbent on the church-council.

The duties of the Deacon's office are principally these: to lead an exemplary life as commanded in Scripture,[1] to minister unto the poor,[2] extending to their wants and distributing faithfully amongst them the collections which may be made for their use; to make the neces-

[1] 1 Tim. iii. 8-11.

[2] Acts vi. 1-3.

munion, they shall in the same public manner *confirm* their baptismal vows according to the form of confirmation customary in the Church.[1]

VI. It shall be the duty of the church-council to keep a complete list of all the communing members of the Church, of all the baptisms, of deaths of members, of persons admitted to sacramental communion, and other interesting items; an abstract of which shall be annually sent to the Synod for inspection.

VII. If any member of the church-council should conduct himself in a manner unworthy of his office, he shall be accused before the Council; and if found guilty, his case shall be referred to the whole Church for decision.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Council to administer the discipline of the Church on all those whose conduct is inconsistent with their Christian profession, or who entertain fundamental errors.[2] To this end they shall have power to cite any of their church-members to appear before them; and to endeavor to obtain other witnesses when the case may require it. It shall further be the duty of the Council, when any member offends, first privately to admonish him, or, if necessary, to call him to an account; and when they shall deem these measures ineffectual, to suspend or excommunicate him: that is, to debar him from the privileges peculiar to church-membership, according to the precepts of the New Testament laid down in this Formula. It shall also be their duty to restore[3] those subjects of suspension or excommunication, to all the privileges of the Church, who shall manifest sincere repentance. Every act of excommunication or of restoration may be published to the Church, *if deemed necessary* by the majority of the *Council.*

[1] *Vide Liturgy.* [2] 1 Cor. v. 1
[2] 2 Cor. ii. 7; Gal. vi. 1.

IX. The church-council may at any time be convened by the minister; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested by two members of the Council, or by one-fourth of the electors of the Church, or when directed by the Synod.

X. It shall be the duty of the church-council to watch over the religious education of the children of the Church, and to see that they be occasionally collected, for the purpose of being taught the Catechism of the Church, and instructed in the duties and principles of the Christian religion. The Council of every Church shall have the management of the various schools attached to the Church, and shall endeavor to obtain pious and well-qualified teachers, and have the children of the Church, as far as practicable, to attend them.

XI. In all cases of appeal from the decisions of the church-council, the Council shall take no further measures grounded on their decision until the sentence has been reviewed by the Synod. But if the decision appealed from be a sentence of suspension or excommunication, it shall immediately take effect and continue in force until reversed by the Synod. And in every case of appeal, the church-council shall send a detailed and correct account of their proceeding in the case, and of the charges and evidence on both sides.

XII. Any vacant congregation also may send a delegate, to lay its concerns before the Synod. And the church-councils of each clerical district may annually send to the Synod as many lay delegates as there are ministers present at the Synod from said district.

XIII. It is expedient that no person be permitted to preach in any of the Churches in our connection, except by consent of the pastor and Council of said Church, and in the absence of the pastor, by permission of the Council.

CHAPTER V.

OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

SECTION I. The members of any particular Church are all those members of the *visible* Church (Vide Chap. II., Part II., Sec. I.) who are associated together under some form of Christian government and discipline, for divine worship and the better attainment of the objects of the Christian institution.

II. Every Church member is amenable to the Council, and must appear before them when cited, and submit to the discipline of the Church regularly administered.[1]

III. It is the duty of every Church member to lead a Christian life, that is, to perform all the duties required of him or her in Scripture. Thus it is the duty of adults to perform all the Christian duties, not to neglect the public worship of God;[2] nor the participation of the Lord's Supper[3] whenever an opportunity is afforded. It is the duty of parents to educate their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,[4] to teach them the doctrines of the Church, and to subject them to the ordinances of the same.[5] All members of the Church should abstain from cursing, Sabbath-breaking, intemperance, gambling, and all other vices, as well as those fashionable amusements contrary to the spirit of the gospel. And when young members reach the years of maturity, and have attained the natural ability to partake of the Lord's Supper in the manner commanded, it is their duty to be worthy communicants at the Lord's table.

IV. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the church-council relative to himself, may appeal to the Synod, and if still dis-

[1] *Matt. xviii.* 15. [2] Heb. x. 25; Col. iii.
[3] *Acts ii.* 46; 1 Cor. xi. 24, 25. [4] Eph. vi. 4.
[5] *2 Tim. iii.* 14.

satisfied may appeal to the General Synod. But in every such case the applicant shall give notice to the church-council of his intention, either immediately, or within two weeks of the time when the sentence was made known to him; and shall specify to it the reasons of his dissatisfaction, and the ground of his appeal.

V. It shall be the duty that when a member of one of our Churches moves into the bounds of another, and wishes to be admitted to the privileges of the Church, he shall bring with him a certificate of good standing from his former pastor, or, if the Church be vacant, from the Council.

VI. It is recommended as accordant with the principles of the New Testament, that the members of the Church ought not to prosecute each other before a civil tribunal, until they have first made an attempt to settle their point of difference through the mediation of their Christian brethren.

CHAPTER VI.

OF ELECTIONS.

SECTION I. All congregational elections must be published by the church-council to the congregation at least two weeks before the election.

II. The Council may publish a congregational meeting for any lawful purpose when they shall deem it necessary, and they shall be compelled so to do when required by one-third of the lawful electors of the Church.

III. The electors of any particular Church in our connection are all those members who are in full communion with the same, and submit to its government and discipline re

larly administered, and who contribute according to their ability and engagements to the pastor's support and all other necessary expenditures.

IV. At all elections for Elders or Deacons, no person shall be elected to either of said offices who is not a member in full communion with said Church.

V. When an election is held in a vacant pastorate for a minister, two-thirds of all the electors shall be necessary to an election, and if the votes were not unanimous, it is recommended that the presiding officer shall invite the minority to concur in the decision. He shall give the minister elected a certificate, signed by himself, of the election. This certificate, with a statement of the support[1] which they promise him, shall be a legal call to the pastor therein specified.

VI. At elections for members of the church-council, the existing council shall nominate twice as many persons as are to be elected, and the Church may nominate half as many more, from whom the officers may be chosen.

VII. If, from any cause, a vacancy occurs in the Council in the interval between the stated elections, it shall be filled without delay by a special election, and the person thus elected shall serve until the regular expiration of the time of the member in whose place he was elected.

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Section I. As prayer is one of the most necessary duties of a Christian,[2] and as prayer-

[1] 1 Tim. v. 8; 1 Cor. ix. 4; Luke x. 4-7.
[2] 1 Thess. v. 17; Col. iv. 2.

meetings have been of the utmost importance and usefulness, it is therefore most earnestly recommended to the different Churches in our connection, to establish and promote them among our members. These meetings may be held in the church, school-house, or in private houses; and their object is the spiritual edification of the persons present; but the utmost precaution must ever be observed, that God, who is a Spirit, be worshipped in spirit and in truth, that they be characterized by that solemnity and decorum which ought ever to attend divine worship; and that no disorder be tolerated, or anything that is calculated to interrupt the devotions of those who are convened, or prevent their giving the fullest attention to him who is engaged in leading the meeting; in short, that, according to the injunctions of the Apostle, all things be done "decently and in order."

II. It is recommended that lectures and exhortations be connected with the prayer-meetings; also the reading of some portion of the Scriptures; and in case the pastor be not present, that the Elders direct or procure some one to conduct the meeting.

III. It is solemnly enjoined upon all Church members, and more especially on the members of the Council and heads of families to make daily worship in their family a sacred duty.[1]

IV. It is solemnly enjoined that parents and guardians be the sponsors of the children to be baptized, as the natural and divinely-appointed spiritual advisers of the baptized children of the Church.[2]

V. It is earnestly recommended to the members and church-councils of our various pastorates, to make such arrangements that the colored population may everywhere enjoy the

1 Gal. vi. 4; Isa. x. 25.
2 Acts xvi. 14, 15, and 31-33; Gen. xvii. 10-12.

rivileges of a regular ministry and Church ervice.[1]

VI. This Formula shall not prevent any istrict Synod from adopting such By-Laws, s it shall deem expedient for the promotion of ie best interests of the Churches within its ounds, provided that such By-Laws do not onflict with any article contained in this ormula of Church Government, or the Constiution of the General Synod.

[1] Eph. vi. 5-9; 1 Tim. vi. 1-5; Titus ii. 9-11.

THE

REVISED CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD.

In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, The Synods of North Carolina, of South Carolina, of Virginia, of Western Virginia, and of Georgia, with the Churches under their care, impelled by the necessities of the times, and by a sense of duty to themselves and to those who shall come after them, have unanimously dissolved the connection hitherto existing between them and "The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States:" Therefore we, their delegates in Convention assembled, using, in implicit reliance upon the guidance of the Triune God, the liberty allowed us by the Holy Scriptures, and keeping in view the just rights of every Christian in matters of faith and practice, as set forth by the Word of God and by the Confession of our Church, do adopt for ourselves and our successors the following Articles, with earnest hope and humble prayer that

essed by the great Head of the the promotion of the practice of ve, to the furtherance of Christian d to the firm establishment and of the unity of the spirit in the ce."

ARTICLE I.

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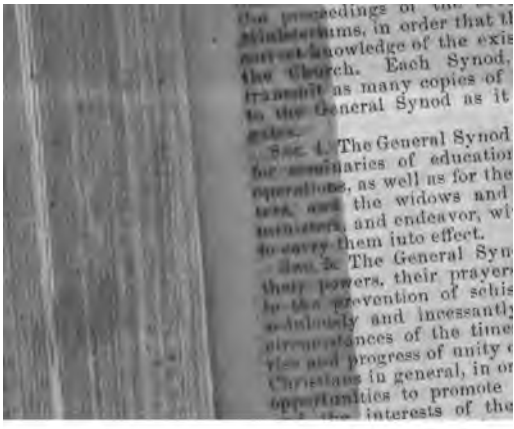
ARTICLE II.

. We receive and hold that the Old estaments are the Word of God, and allible rule of faith and practice. e likewise hold that the *Apostles' Nicene Creed, and the Augsburg Con-*ain the fundamental doctrines of criptures, and we receive and adopt exponents of our faith.

ARTICLE III.

ral Synod shall consist of dele- all Evangelical Lutheran Synods pted this Constitution, who may mselves, properly accredited by ig officers of their Synods, in the ntio, viz: Every Synod containing x ministers may send one clerical delegate; every Synod containing s may send two clerical and two s; if it contain twelve, three of hteen, four; if twenty-five, five; ; if sixty, eight; and if it contain sters or upward, ten delegates of ordained ministers, and an equa' ay delegates.

ing expenses of the delegates, is ratio, shall be defrayed, if



stead.

4. The members shall give in to the Chairman their attestations or credentials. For all the deputies [illegible] any one particular Synod one certificate signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of that Synod, shall be deemed sufficient.

5. If a majority of the deputies or a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod be present, the business shall go on. If this proportion be lacking, the delegates present may, from time to time, postpone the session of the Convention.

6. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot on the first day of the session, and so soon as [illegible] numbers shall have given in their certificates.

7. The proceedings of the former Convention shall be read by the Secretary, or be referred to a committee.

8. Before proceeding to the several petitions of business, according to Article V, section 6, section 6.

9. Other [illegible] motions may be made concerning [illegible] already before it, or any other matters that may occur.

10. In succession, the General Synod shall appoint [illegible] time and place of the *next* Convention, observing at all times, however, that [illegible] Convention [illegible] *every* two years.

Article VII.

The General Synod may make whatever by-laws they may deem necessary, provided only that the said by-laws do not contradict the spirit of the Constitution. No alteration of the Constitution may be made except by the concurrent two-thirds of the Synods under the jurisdiction of this Convention; an exact copy of the intended alterations to be sent by the secretary to all the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they would lay them before their respective Synods for decision. If at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall accordingly be made.

Article VIII.

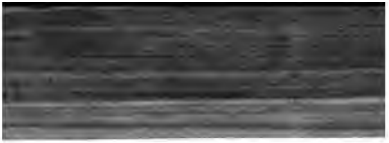
Any regularly constituted Lutheran Synod professing the fundamental doctrines of the Lutheran Church, not now connected with the General Synod, may at any time become connected with it by adopting the Constitution and sending delegates to its Conventions according to the ratio specified in Article II.

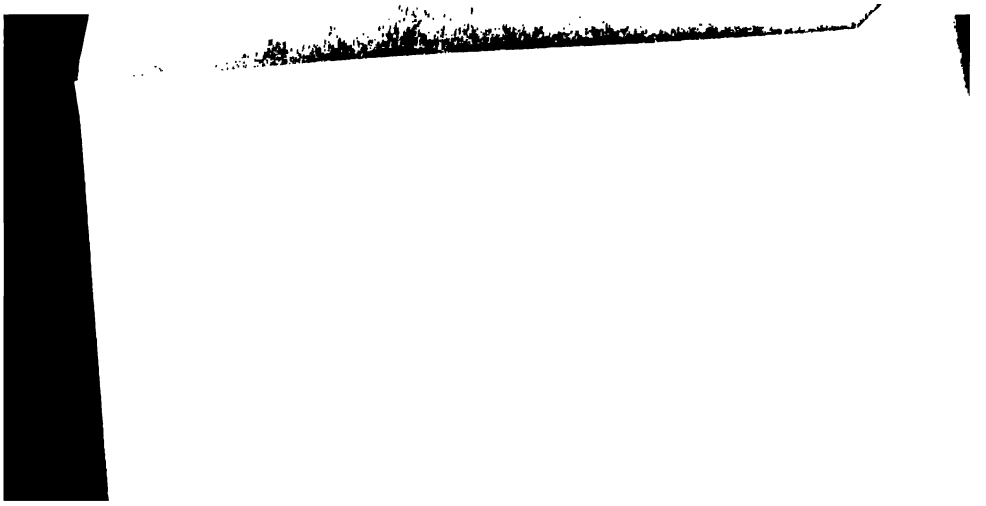
Article IX.

No Synod shall be formed within the bounds of any District Synod now in existence and belonging to this body, except with, and by the consent of the General Synod.

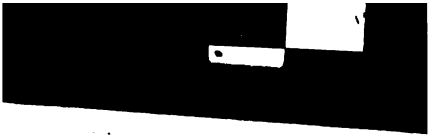
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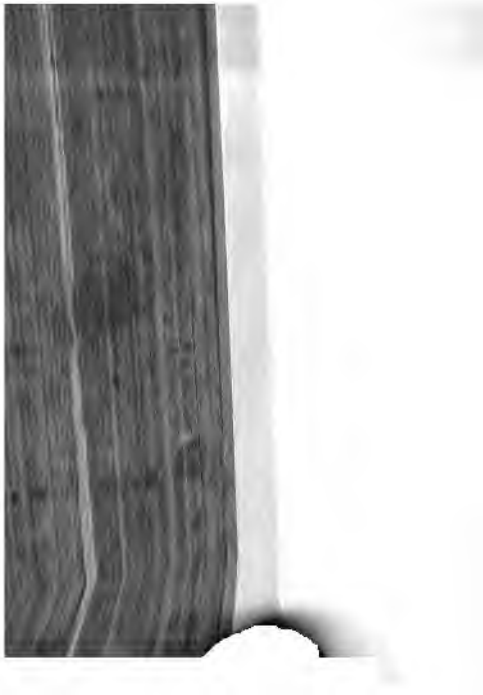


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